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WEEKLY'S HIS REASONS!

THIRTY-THIRD CONGRESS....Second Session.

SENATE....WASHINGTON, Wednesday, Dec. 27.

A communication from the Secretary of War was received, relative to the improvement of the Black River Rapids.

A petition from Wm. H. Brown was presented, complaining oppression for following wrecked vessels.

Mr. BADGER moved that the Senate adjourn to Friday. He observed that during the holidays very few Senators would be in their seats. They wanted relaxation and rest. It was not right, therefore, to transact any important business, and he hoped the Senate would not proceed to adjourn to Friday, and from Friday to Tuesday, when the Senate would be full, and members prepared to dispatch business correctly.

Mr. JOHNSON moved to recommit the pending Territorial Bills. Agreed to.

Mr. WRIGHT submitted a resolution in reference to the improvement of the Harbors in New-Jersey. Referred.

Mr. ROGERS introduced the House bill giving the assent of Congress to the transfer from the State of Massachusetts to the State of New-York of Section Four Company. Concurred in and passed.

Mr. FOOT moved that the Committee on Foreign Relations be instructed to inquire whether any and what correspondence should be sent Commodore M. C. PERRY, of the services in relation to the establishment of the intercourse with Japan.

The Senate then adjourned to Friday, with the understanding that no business on that day shall transpire, the 6th of January.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WASHINGTON, Wednesday, Dec. 27.

A SUPERERRANEAN TELEGRAPH.

Mr. FARNSLEY, from the Committee on Territories, reported back, with amendments, the Senate bill authorizing the construction of a Subterranean Telegraph from the Mississippi or Missouri River to the Pacific Ocean, and to the Confederacy of the Whole on the State of the Union.

The motion of Mr. LAWRENCE, the Senate bill continuing the Army for a limited period, was set for consideration and the private land claims in California was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

THE ARMY AND GENERAL POST-OFFICE BILLS.

These then went into Committee of the Whole on the State of the Union, on the Army Appropriation Bill, together with the bill making appropriations for the General Post-Office, was subsequently reported to the House. The debate took place on these.

Mr. McDOUGALL wished to amend the Army bill by appropriating twenty thousand dollars for the purpose of building here for camels and dromedaries can be used for transportation over deserts.

The Speaker ruled the amendment out of order on the ground that the law does not authorize such appropriation.

Mr. BURTON made an ineffectual effort to amend the Post-Office Appropriation bill, so as to authorize the Postmaster General to contract for the carriage of the Mails by steamships to San Francisco in coaches, wagons, etc., the contractors to open the road, and meet the mails charged therefrom. Such bills were passed by the Senate, amended (about Fitzgerald's contract), and a description of his last exploration over the route. Ordered to be printed.

Mr. WHITE introduced a bill making appropriation for improving the public works at Monroe, Michigan, and moved that it be referred to the Committee on Commerce.

RIVER AND HARBOR BILL, AND THE PRESIDENT'S REASONS.

Mr. HAVENS—Gentlemen the House should instruct that the River and Harbor bill, one hundred and forty bills, as they have passed the House, in the River and Harbor bill, and that the report be sent to the President by another way to arrive at the Senate, so that both, if he does not to allow the bill to be lying idle, at one time, as it was. The River and Harbor bill, and the Senate, and get forty bills, on one.

Mr. CAMPBELL was opposed to so many bills. There might as well make separate votes of the items in the Civil and Diplomatic Appropriation Bill. The votes for Ferry there who yield to Executive dictation, and never vote. There should be a general bill for River and Harbor improvements, they being of National importance.

Mr. HAVENS—The Executive has promised his veto, and he wished by the course he had suggested to obtain votes. He hoped the message would come after the question as hard of discussion. (Laughter.) He desired the people to know whether the business of legislation is to be confined to Congressional officers alone.

Mr. CAMPBELL said the Constitution requires the President to give his reasons for veto. He, as a Senator, had opposed in vain to preserve unless the River and Harbor bill. It was but courtesy to the President to delay action, in order that his reasons might be placed upon the journal.

Mr. BOCOCK desired to know the reason of gentlemen for wishing the President view at length. Did they think the Message would induce those who voted against the bill to vote for it, or did they wish to avoid the vote (which it was opposed?)

Mr. CAMPBELL replied, it was due to the Executive. He had no idea the Message would change his mind.

Mr. HAVENS repeated, his desire was to obtain the views of the President, which had been promised.

Mr. SAVAGE (of Virginia) expressed his surprise at the views taken by Mr. HAVENS. The law GEORGE WEIGHT, which some from property said the Senate view that every national improvement bill should stand on its own merits. He was opposed every member from making a separate bill, for they would naturally be blended by a division of nothing. They will get together and grant in the same passage. He filled the Speaker of Washington—when the veto of the first Bank bill was passed—the Father of his country confined himself to the Constitutional requirements of merely giving his objections without argument. He would be sorry to see this changed from. He then defended the President's veto.

Mr. WASHBURNE, of Me., said, as the bills GEORGE WEIGHT and Mr. BAYLY were opposed to internal improvements, it was natural they should have pressed the course that appeared to defeat the appropriations for that purpose. Did the gentleman know that some [illegible]

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Mr. WASHBURNE—At what date and year?

Mr. BAYLY will refer the gentleman to the year, but not to the date, if he desires the information.

Mr. WASHBURNE—My impression was the gentleman had spoken to a bill not of a general character.

Mr. BAYLY—He voted for a bill that was vetoed.

Mr. WASHBURNE, said he wished the opinions of the President for the late veto. The River and Harbor bill was as constitutional as the bill for removing the obstructions at the mouth of Cape Fear River, which the President approved.

Mr. CRISM explained, saying—It was right the removal should take place, as Government had placed the obstruction there.

Mr. OTIS said there has never been an appropriation. They have always been constituted by the country. The protection to which Mr. HAVENS referred would produce a full grown Hercules to better down all the feeble arguments made as to the constitutionality of the bill vetoed by the President. They would get the President's reasons in good time, of that gentleman might rest assured.

Mr. HAVENS, then it appears that by some extraordinary feat of midwifery, we will procure the message twinkle a short time. (Laughter.) He further replied to Mr. OTIS, saying that gentleman must have been behind the veil, so as to be able to make such a communication.

Mr. LETCHER thought all the debate "much ado about nothing." The President's Message will not turn a single vote. He hoped the Whigs would let the subject remain quiet.

Mr. GREENWOOD explained the circumstances under which the bill in relation to the Red River raft was passed.

Mr. NOBLE's bill was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

On motion of Mr. MAY it was

Resolved, That the President communicate to the House any information he may possess regarding a suit in Minnesota, by or in the name of the United States, against Minnesota and Northwestern Railroad.

Mr. WHITFIELD introduced bills for the erecting of public buildings in Kansas, providing for the construction of roads and bridges, and the improvement of rivers in that Territory, and for a geological survey to accompany certain town sites from sale or preemption, and for the establishment of post-roads. All were appropriately referred.

House adjourned to Saturday.

Supreme Court at Washington.

WASHINGTON, Wednesday, Dec. 27.

In the Supreme Court to-day, Hon. ELIHU B. WASHBURNE, of Illinois, and THOMAS A. JENCKS, of Rhode Island, were admitted as Attorneys and Counsellors.

No. 22.—*Ferdinand Clark, appellant, vs. Benj. C. Clark et al.*—Argument continued by Hon. REVERDY JOHNSON for the appellees, and concluded by Mr. NELSON for the appellant.

No. 23.—*The city of Providence, plaintiff in error, vs. Daniel R. Clapp.*—Argument commenced by Mr. CLAPP for plaintiff in error.

Redemption of Government Stock—Soldiers, Withers & Co.

WASHINGTON, Wednesday, Dec. 27.

From Monday until 12 o'clock to-day, three hundred and fifty thousand dollars worth of Government stock was redeemed at the Treasury.

The Patent Office had seven thousand dollars deposited with SOLDIERS, WITHERS & CO., being money received in payment for patent rights.

British Men-of-War at Greytown.

WASHINGTON, Wednesday, Dec. 27.

The Duke of the morning says that two English steamers were in the port of Greytown, Nicaragua, on the 5th inst.

Suspension of the Cholera at Messina.

BOSTON, Wednesday, Dec. 27.

A private letter from Mr. BENN, the United States Consul at Messina, gives a frightful picture of the ravages of the Cholera in that City, the population having been reduced by death and emigration to less than 50,000. No less than 20,000 persons died between the 22d of August and the 10th of September.

[The letter referred to above will be found on the Third Page of this morning's TIMES.]

Hon. C. M. Clay Lecturing in Boston—The Weather.

BOSTON, Wednesday, Dec. 27.

Hon. CASSIUS M. CLAY lectured here this evening before the Mercantile Library Association. An immense audience was in attendance to listen to him.

The weather is extremely mild, and it has been raining all day. The thermometer ranges at 45°.

Safety of the Steamship William Penn, Reported as Lost in the Black Sea.

BOSTON, Wednesday, Dec. 27.

Information has been received here that the steamship *William Penn*, previously reported as lost in the Black Sea, was safe at Constantinople on Nov. 16.

Death of Governor Dorr.

PROVIDENCE, Wednesday, Dec. 27.

THOMAS W. DORR died in this city this morning, at 8½ o'clock, in the 49th year of his age.

Arrival of the Southern Mail—Later from Texas.

BALTIMORE, Wednesday, Dec. 27.

By the arrival of the Southern mail so late as due, we have received New-Orleans papers containing dates from Galveston to the 17th inst. The prominent subjects discussed in the newspapers of the State relate to the present hard times and monetary crisis. The news otherwise is unimportant.

Fire in Buffalo.

BUFFALO, Wednesday, Dec. 27.

At 3 o'clock this morning a fire broke out in a warehouse in Lloyd-street, occupied by Messrs. ASHLEY, [illegible] & Co., [illegible], and Messrs. BOEL & MOORE, provision dealers. Nothing was saved but the books of the two firms. The insurance amounts to ten thousand dollars, which will nearly cover the loss.

Destruction of a Barn by Fire.

UTICA, Wednesday, Dec. 27.

A barn in the rear of the City Garden, on Burchard's Lane, belonging to A. E. CULVER, Esq., forwarding merchant, was entirely destroyed by fire about 10 o'clock to-night. Several horses that were in the barn at the time, were safely got out.

State of the Ohio River.

PITTSBURG, Wednesday, Dec. 27.

There is now seven feet of water in the channel of the Ohio River, and it is rising higher fast. Weather mild.

Rise in the Ohio.

CINCINNATI, Monday, Dec. 25.

It has been raining here since last evening, and the river has risen five inches.

Non-Arrival of the Atlantic.

SANDY HOOK, Wednesday, Dec. 27.

The steamship *Atlantic*, now in her twelfth day from Liverpool, has not yet made her appearance off this point.

The steamship *Empire City*, with later intelligence from Havana, is also considerably expected, but has not yet been signalled.

☞ The steamships *Pacific*, Captain NYE, for Liverpool, *Northern Light*, Capt. TINKLEPAUGH, for San Juan, and *Marion*, Capt. FOSTER, for Charleston, all left their wharfs yesterday and proceeded down the Bay.

CANADA.

Adjournment of Parliament—The new Seigneurial Bill—Farewell Address to Lord Elgin—The Swearing in of his Successor.

Correspondence of the New-York Daily Times.

MONTREAL, Friday, Dec. 22, 1854.

On Monday Parliament adjourned to the 20th February, having been in session about three and a half months, during which upwards of seventy bills passed through all their stages, and received the royal assent before the adjournment. Of these the bills for the secularization of the Clergy Reserves, and the abolition of the Seigneurial Tenure, were the most important, and the final passage of measures setting those long agitated questions finally at rest, would be sufficient of itself to characterize the session of 1854, as one of the most notable in the history of Canada. The main features of the Clergy Reserve bill I have explained in a former communication, and as it passed the Upper House without any amendment, little further explanation is necessary in regard to it. The scheme consists in setting apart a sufficient fund to pay the stipends of existing incumbents during the remainder of their lives, after which, the whole proceeds, as they accrue, will be divided among the municipalities throughout the Province, to be appropriated to such purposes as they may severally think best. To the thorough-going voluntaries, who are opposed, on principle, to any endowments of churches, and to whose persevering agitation of the question, the fact of any legislation on it is due, the measure does not give complete satisfaction. They think that the Conservative members of the Government have succeeded in making a better bargain for the churches than they were entitled to under the Imperial Act, especially by the commutation clause of the Provincial bill, which enables the Government to commute with the churches for the stipends which may be claimed by the incumbents, and to hand over the present value to them *en bloc*. Had the Imperial Act been carried out in letter and in spirit, we would have seen in time the complete extinction of the fund for the support of a State-paid clergy, when the last incumbent died out, but as it is the Churches of England and Scotland especially being to receive a large amount of money in hand, it is feared that when it is their friends in the Government who have to settle what that amount shall be, it will be such as will perpetuate the evils of State establishments of religion, removing their endowments at the same time from under the control of the Legislature. Much will depend on the good faith with which the Government carry out the wishes of the people. If they commute at a reasonable rate, so that the amount will only be sufficient to buy life-annuities for the existing incumbents, the question may be looked upon as finally settled. If, on the other hand, they make undue concessions to ecclesiastical influence, so as to furnish sufficient funds to establish permanent endowments, the agitation will infallibly be reopened, and with increased bitterness.

The history of the Seigneurial Bill is a curiosity in legislation. After being debated for two months in the Lower House, it passed its third reading, and went up to the Legislative Council, who, after a short discussion, committed it to a Select Committee to undergo improvement. The Select Committee improved it some seventeen, cutting it up, patchwork it together, and so amending it as completely to destroy its identity. When it came back to the Legislative Assembly, it resembled one of the patch-work quilts which had undergone so many changes that not a thread of the original silk remained, and it became a mere point of casuistry to decide whether the identity of the original stockings still remained in the darned article. To give a specimen of the whole, one of the amendments was of this sweeping character—leave out all from the word "antecedent" on the 31st line of page 1, to the word "annum" in the 15th line of page 25, both words included, and insert in lieu thereof clauses A, B, C, and so on, down to Z, and A A, B B, &c. down to double G. Twenty-four pages swept away by one stroke of the pen! The very title of the bill was altered, one half of the preamble struck away, and the principles and details so changed, that the amended bill contained an entirely new scheme for the settlement of the question. In some respects it was an improvement on the original bill, which was a measure of wholesale public spoliation, proposing to enrich the censitaires, *i. e.* the small proprietors or vassals, as they would be termed in the old feudal language of Europe, at the expense of the whole mass of the tax-paying population. The amended bill, on the other hand, diffused the benefits of the public indemnity of two millions of dollars, more equitably among both the seignors and censitaires, and the chief objection to it was that it differed so materially from the previous bill, in favoring the former class at the expense of the latter. Had the Lower House made one tithe of the alterations on the bill that were made by the Legislative Council, the result, under our system of responsible Government, must inevitably have been a resignation of the Ministry. Much curiosity was therefore felt as to the course that would be taken by Ministers in regard to the sweeping amendments made by the Upper House. Greatly to the chagrin of many of their supporters, representing the Censitaire interest, they gulped the whole of them, and on Thursday last Attorney-General DRUMMOND laid the amendments before the House of Assembly, and asked their concurrence in them with as much self-complacency as when a few weeks before he was pushing through his former bill, which embodied diametrically opposite principles. It must have cost Mr. DRUMMOND a struggle to give up the principles he has been advocating for years, and to adopt in a moment as a Government measure a bill, almost every clause of which was in direct contrariety to all the elaborate arguments with which, time after time, he has favored the House. It is said that the willingness of the Government to accept the Legislative Council amendments was due to the personal influence of Lord ELGIN, mainly exerted through Mr. HINCKS, who, just as the matter was at its crisis, published a short pamphlet, exploding the absurdities of the previous scheme, which he had himself advocated, and voted for, and supported with Government influence, when he was at the head of affairs, and urging that the proposed modifications must be submitted to, if the question was ever to be settled. Be that as it may, the Government accepted the amendments, and laid them before the House on Thursday, asking that they should concur in them immediately, on that very day. The Speaker then announced that the amendments were a breach of the privilege of the Lower House, interfering as they did with their appropriation of the public money. After long discussion that objection was waived, and Mr. DRUMMOND moved that the House proceed to a consideration of the amendments. This was carried by a vote of 39 to 23, but of the French Canadian votes there was a majority of 8 against it. A violent scene followed, and the Government was upbraided with tweaking the policy that has been pursued since the union, by forcing a Lower Canada measure, of the very highest importance to the country, against the will of a Lower Canada majority. The Government admitted that it was an unfortunate circumstance that they should have a decided Lower Canada majority against them, but they declared that the question must be settled somehow or other, and they were inexorable in pushing the amended bill through. Motion after motion for an adjournment was then made, until at length the Government gave way, and the House rose at 3 o'clock in the morning. On Friday, a few of those who had voted against the Government the previous night were won over, by what means the parties concerned alone can say, and the amendments were finally carried by a Lower as well as an Upper Canada majority. A few unimportant modifications were sent back to the Upper House, received their approval on Saturday, and on Monday the measure received the Royal assent. The poor censitaires, whose the original bill treated with far more favor than was due to them, have unquestionably been sold by their representatives in the selection of the Legislative Council's bill, and the Lower Canada members will have their hands full during the holidays in endeavoring to pacify the loud indignation on the part of their constituents, which this act of the Legislature is certain to excite.

On Saturday the House of Assembly was engaged the whole day in discussing the propriety of presenting a congratulatory address to Lord ELGIN, previous to his retirement from the Government of Canada. The debate was an interesting one, and during its course the whole of the acts of His Lordship's Administration were freely canvassed. The leading opponents of the Address were Messrs. GALT, HOLTON and DORION, all three of whom were intimately connected with the Annexation movement of 1849. Sir ALLAN MACNAB, who moved the Address, had the fool-hardiness to tax these gentlemen with disloyalty, and said it was not surprising that people who desired to throw off allegiance to our Sovereign, should be unwilling to pay a decent mark of respect to her Representative. This called up Mr. W. LYON MCKENZIE, who made one of the most telling personal speeches delivered during the Session. He quoted from a speech of Sir ALLAN'S in 1849, in which he said that the Union had not accomplished the good expected, that instead of British influence being predominant, the British Canadians had been brought under the dominion of French masters, "and better"—said Sir ALLAN then—"if we are to be ruled at all, *better be ruled by a neighboring and kindred people*, than be ruled by foreigners with whom we have no alliance in blood, in language, or in religion." Such, said MCKENZIE, was the language used by this pink and paragon of loyalty, and now he turned round upon those who had been his dupes, and attempted to carry out in good faith that annexation which Sir ALLAN had declared was the only cure for our evils, and charged them with disloyalty! In a previous part of the debate Sir ALLAN had declared that, much as he had disapproved at the time of Lord ELGIN'S policy in some particulars, he KNEW his duty better to his Sovereign than to use disrespectful words to her representative, and he emphatically denied that he had taken over any gratuities to England. Astounding his friends, Mr. MCKENZIE held him up. He read extracts from several of the petitions carried over to England by Sir ALLAN in 1849, in which Lord ELGIN'S recall was demanded as the only thing that could save Canada from disorder and impending anarchy. He read also an article of about the same date from the London Times, in which Sir ALLAN and his friends were described as drinking destruction, body and soul, to Lord ELGIN and all his advisers, and as standing on a balcony to witness his Excellency burnt in effigy. The exposure of poor Sir ALLAN'S inconsistency was most roasting, and the gallant knight had not a word to say in reply. Mr. BROWN, the most prominent leader of the opposition, did not on this occasion act with his party, but made a very able speech in favor of the address. He admitted that there were many parts of Lord'S ELGIN'S administration of which he disapproved, but he contended that he was our first really constitutional Governor, and that as such his name would be revered in all coming ages by the people of Canada. His review of our recent political history was very warmly applauded, but only one or two from the opposition ranks joined him in voting for the address moved by the Government, which was carried by a considerable majority. The address was presented on Monday, and Lord ELGIN made a neat reply, expressive of the unabated interest he would feel in the progress of Canada to the last day of his life. On the following day his successor, Sir EDMUND HEAD, was duly sworn in as Governor General. Those who know his character somewhat, predict that affairs will go on smoothly under his Administration, and that he is not likely to excite violent feelings against himself, by joining himself openly to either one or the other of the political parties, under which our public men are respectively ranged. Lord ELGIN, it was understood, was to sail from New-York to-morrow by the *Pacific*. Z.

NEW-YORK CITY.

The Weather.

A dense fog again set in at midnight Tuesday, and continued till noon yesterday, accompanied with a light rain. The ferry boats, to and from the City, made their regular trips, but, in some instances, with a boat or two less than usual, and without accident.

The steamships *Atlantic* from Liverpool, now in her 11th day, and the *Empire City* from New-Orleans and Havana, in the 8th day—have not been heard from.

At 7 P. M. the fog still hangs on with wind N.E.

New-York Presbytery.

A meeting of the Presbytery of New-York was held last Monday at the Mission Rooms, corner of Centre and Reade-street. Rev. J. S. ROCKWELL, of Brooklyn, was called to the chair. The object of the meeting was to consider the question of Church extension in the city. A discussion of some length transpired, but any definite action was postponed till the semi-annual meeting in April next.

Rev. CHARLES J. JONES, formerly Chaplain of the Western Seamen's Friend Society, St. Louis, was admitted a member of the Presbytery. He has been appointed over the Seamen's Chapel, in Cherry-street, recently under the charge of Rev. HENRY CHASE, deceased. No further business of importance was transacted.

The Crystal Palace.

JOHN H. WHITE, Esq., has been appointed by the Court Receiver in the case of the Crystal Palace. The debts of this institution amount to $250,000, and the assets amount to over $300,000. The building cost $750,000. There are other statements in reference to the affairs of the Palace afoot, but those we give are from unquestionable authority.

Park Place.

The Board of Aldermen last evening adopted a resolution, on motion of Alderman MOTT, to proceed with the extension of Park-place forthwith. This work involves the partial destruction of the grounds of Columbia College.

Drowning.

Yesterday morning a young man named WM. MCCANN lost his life by falling through a hole in the middle of the wharf at the foot of Lodge-street, North River. The Coroner's Jury pronounced the owner or owners of the dock guilty of culpable carelessness and negligence.

The Extraordinary Affair of Monday.

The session of the Board of Councilmen last evening was stormy in the extreme, as will be seen by a reference to the proceedings as published in another column. The trouble arose on the motion made to bring up the question of the extension of Albany-street for a final passage. The result of the action was the defeat of Trinity, which leaves the question to now go before the Supreme Court.

Increase of Station-House Lodgers.

The number of lodgers at the different Police Stations nightly is rapidly increasing. On Tuesday night, the Fourth Ward Station-House accommodated 48 persons, and the captains had to refuse about 12 more for want of room. Of the whole number that slept there Tuesday night, 7 were strangers in the City; 34 were Irish, 3 were English, 3 were Scotch, and 2 were Germans.—*Com. Adv.*

☞ The term of office for which Police Office KEEFE was appointed under Mayor KIRKLAND having expired, the Commissioners of Police have reappointed him for life. This officer has attained a high reputation for his skill in the capture of bank robbers and other noted criminals.

☞ It is with much regret that we notice the death of RICHARD THOMAS MULLIGAN, a leading and influential Democrat of the First Ward, who died on Sunday, the 17th inst., aged 54. At the time of his disease he was a member of the State Central Committee, on which he had served for many years, having been reelected from term to term.—*Evening Post.*

THE PENITENTIARY.

Continuation of the Investigation.

The following additional testimony has been produced before the Committee of the Board of Aldermen, in reference to the affairs of the Penitentiary:

Richard S. Williams, sworn: Mr. Keen received while I was one of the Governors, $1,500 per annum and a house to live in; there was no resolution of the Board that I recollect allowing Mr. Keen to have the vegetables; persons having families on the Island were allowed by common consent to have the vegetables in all the departments; Mr. Keen complained that the Board paid him by the bushels, although as much as they could pay was too low; I never had any conversation with Mr. Keen relative to flogging the prisoners. Mr. Keen knew if he did flog any it was not with my consent; I had conversations while in the Senate of this State with Mr. Keen as to the discipline in the prisons; I may have told Mr. Keen that we could get along without flogging the prisoners; I wanted to go over to the Island nearly every Sunday and attend church, and on these occasions Mr. Keen entertained me, and others on his private table; there were always two or three of them there; I said to him that it must be a considerable expense to him, and that I could see no reason why he should entertain them at his own expense; he never received any pay for this expense; he made no charge; I have known other people to go up there frequently and visit the Island and dine with Mr. Keen; many of the charges brought before the Governors against Mr. Keen amounted to nothing; during the time I was one of the Governors, nearly five years, I had more to do with Mr. Keen than any of the other Governors; I have heard that Mr. Keen [illegible] I was a member of the Board; I was Vice-President; I was a member of the Board; I was President; I was President; I was President

THE BRITISH COMMANDERS.

The Earl of Cardigan.

The name of the Earl of CARDIGAN, who commands the light brigade of cavalry in the East, has been brought with more frequent and unusual prominence before the public than that of perhaps any other officer in the service. Through hale to cotton of forty thousand a year, which bear on their broad surface not one of those blemishes which, in the shape of the mortgages and judgments, disfigure most of the great landed properties in England, and above the high sounding incomes of the greater number of her nobility or hair their fair proportions. Lord CARDIGAN early conceived an inbred passion for the service, which he has never relinquished under circumstances calculated in general to strip the young soldier's romance of all its gay and gallant plumage. Those who are acquainted with military life in England know that the voice of the death bell falls not half more heavily and coldly on the ear of a pleasant Summer night, than does the "order for India" on a gay, reckless, thoughtless regiment of British light dragoons. Those who have seen such a regiment embark in all the pride of its youth and strength and beauty, and witnessed its return, or rather the return of its remains, some twenty-two years after, (the prescribed period of service in India,) may understand the feeling of consternation and alarm which such an order creates. Twenty-two years is a long period in most men's lives. A very long period in a life under the burning sun of India. Not more than two or three officers who start with a regiment for India ever return, and those who do, present more the appearance of a galvanized shadow than a man. The arrival of the order is, therefore, as may be imagined, the signal for every officer, possessed of the means of living by any other resource, at once bidding farewell to the pomp and circumstance of glorious war. Lord CARDIGAN, however, notwithstanding his fortune and rank, not alone served in India, but underwent the almost as enervating infliction of country-quarters in Ireland, where, notwithstanding the rosy pictures of Mr. Harry Lorrequer and Tom Burke following a miserable snipe over some twenty miles of bog, or exchanging glances with what is termed in these parts a "licentiate" apothecary's daughter, are the sole luxuries of life. It was in the sweet little village of Gort, in the County of Galway, whose attractions are flatteringly pictured in the above description, that Lord CARDIGAN performed the first feat of gallantry which brought his name before the public. He had then been about four years in the army, his first commission being in the 8th Hussars, to which he was gazetted as Lord Brudenell—the courtesy title of the family—and to which his wealth enabled him to rise very speedily to the rank of Major. It was with this rank he found himself in command of a squadron of his regiment at Gort, where also was stationed a detachment of the 67th Infantry, under the command of a Major JOHNSON. The Major was blessed with a wife, confidentially Lord CARDIGAN's senior in years, a tall, masculine, vigorous woman, of the "strong-minded" school, and without any of those softer and gentler attributes which usually captivate the fancy and inspire the sentiment of man. Seen from the omnibus box at the Opera, his lordship's lorgnette would not have lingered one second on Mrs. JOHNSON. But in the absence of any other woman, idleness and solitude—the fruitful parents of mischief and of love—combined to surround Mrs. JOHNSON with a fictitious attraction. Lord CARDIGAN loved, or fancied he loved; an elope-ment was the consequence, which, owing to his lordship's rank, and the many romantic incidents with which the imaginations of rural Celtic editors surrounded it, created a furore, which, as usual, lasted for a few days. At the first resting spot in their flight of love, Lord CARDIGAN, to whose nostrils notoriety at any price is the very breath, anxious to feed and maintain the interest of the public, wrote to the bereaved Major, "that as he had done him the greatest injury one man could do another, he was prepared to give him the reparation usually accorded of a hostile meeting." The Major replied with a Job-like philosophy, which had the effect at once of extinguishing all romance, and which has been since much recommended to husbands similarly bereaved. "That as he had done him the greatest injury one man could do another in ridding him of so infamous a pest, he had only to wish his lordship joy of the beautiful burden he had carried off." A divorce ensued, and Mrs. JOHNSON became and now is Countess of CARDIGAN. The Major has, however, had an ample revenge; for without wishing to draw that veil which is ever drawn around from the gentle ministrings of wounded life, it is a breach of delicacy to mention what is publicly known in England, that almost immediately after their marriage, and somewhat earlier than usual, a warfare commenced which has since terminated in a separation. This interesting *couple d'état* reconstituted his exchange into another regiment, and his Lordship purchased his Lieutenant-Colonelcy in the Fifteenth Hussars, then serving in India, whither he proceeded with his bride. He had not been a year in India, however, before fresh troubles gathered around him. Lady ADELEIDA WATHEN, the wife of the Major of the 15th, and a lady of high connection, could not be induced to forgive her erring sister's shame, and obstinately refused to visit Lady CARDIGAN. The consequence was that her husband was subjected to a course of persecution on the part of Lord CARDIGAN, which resulted in a court martial, disclosing, on his Lordship's side, a course of petty tyranny and mean espionage which would have doomed an officer of inferior rank to immediate dismissal. His fortune and title, however, which seldom or ever plead in vain at the British Home Guards, procured his exchange with a gentle admonition, and he obtained an exchange into the 11th *Light* Dragoons, with which regiment he returned to England.

That business of the itchy progeny of Cerberus, Prince ARTHUR, being just about this time on his way to be transformed by that good fairy, John Bull, from composing, in a very pretty book, to the "Marktplatz of Coburg, the sentimental symphonies, [illegible] for Fritzlis," or a [illegible] upon the transcendental themes of "Blucher's *Frits frisst friscke Fische*," has a [illegible] young kings and [illegible] the best of the [illegible] at a salary of [illegible] thousand a year and the rest of the [illegible], was exchanged by a [illegible] of the 11th Hussars from Canterbury, [illegible] and immediately conferred on the regiment the distinguished title of "Prince ALBERT's Own," and on himself its Colonelcy, with a salary of [illegible] thousand a year, and a trifling per centage on the clothing bill. Proud of the [illegible] strength of his corps, and fired with an ambition to make his regiment the *par excellence* crack Hussars and amongst all young nobles, Lord CARDIGAN formed the generous resolution "to weed out," as we his own expression also, as proved on Court-martial, those d—d Indian officers," viz., the men who had so often gallantly upheld her colors. With this noble purpose, he commenced a series of annoyances somewhat similar to those exposed in the WATHEN case. Stung by petty tyrannies, which the rules of the service rendered them unable to resent, one after another gallant soldier had to sell or retire, until at length the feeling of the regiment broke into absolute mutiny in the celebrated "black bottle affair." The black bottle story, as may be remembered, runs that the officers of the 11th, being gathered one evening with a merry circle of guests around the mess-room fire, sipping their "Liebfrauenmilch" from its dear native black bottle—as every connoisseur knows it ought to be sipped—Lord CARDIGAN suddenly appeared, stern as the ghost of Banquo, forbade the further flow, and savagely lectured his officers as unacquainted with the usages of gentlemen. Capt. JOHN RAYMOND, the officer who had introduced the native offender, immediately appealed to the Horse Guards against so unwarrantable an insult; but though, by the rules of the British service, all officers are on an equal footing at mess, and the control and direction is vested in a Committee, the Horse Guards would give no redress. The public, however, whose impulses are ever just and generous, and who, as a mass—for the honor of humanity be it said—always side for the oppressed and against the oppressor, took up gallantly with the "black bottle." Decanters at once descended to a discount. "Mr. Punch" took his bitters for weeks out of a black bottle. Wherever Lord CARDIGAN appeared in public, it was intruded under his nose. In fact, native bottleism, like Native Americanism now-a-days, swept everything before it.

This feeling was maintained by letters from various officers who had been driven from the regiment, detailing acts of petty tyranny and persecution. One of these letters, couched in terms of remarkable severity, occasioned a hostile meeting. Capt. TUCKETT, the writer, has been, we believe, twice on the stage in this country. The duel took place in Wormwood scrubs, the favorite covert for this kind of game, and Lord CARDIGAN was attended by Capt. DOUGLAS, now Col. DOUGLAS, commanding the regiment in the East—the only officer, with the exception of the Major, INIGO JONES, with whom he was on speaking terms off parade.

Strange to say that this encounter,—duels in England being now a days, unlike those of this country, looked on as mere "*affaires de fame*," and the discharge of pistols never being attended with any more deadly result than the startling of some neighboring thrush or sparrow,—*did* result in something. Captain TUCKETT had the honor of being wounded by a belted Earl, and there are many English souls, we venture to assert, who would esteem it no small honor. *Par parenthèse*, we may mention a little incident which has served, if such were necessary, to cover with ridicule this absurd and barbarous custom. Two members of the House of Commons, and distinguished once too, Capt. ROMILLY and honorable G. SCROPE, having mutually expressed some rather unflattering estimate of each other's character, in very polished language, conceived, "*selon la regle*," it was necessary that they should stand opposite to each other on a raw, cold December morning, and fire somewhere in each other's direction. After both their honors had been satisfied by this pleasant and harmless process, they returned to the station in the same coach, and on alighting they both in the hurry pulled out *a return ticket*. On seeing this incontrovertible evidence, either of their mutual consciousness of their invulnerability or innocence of intention, the late deadly antagonists first blushed, then laughed outright, shook hands, and have since told the story frankly against themselves. However, "*Revenons a nos moutons!*" Captain TUCKETT was not singular in his desire to cross swords with the tyrant Earl. Among a cross of bristling combatants, which sprung up at once, an officer of his own regiment, Captain RICHARD REYNOLDS, of the same name but no relative of the defender of black bottles, availed himself of the opportunity of some harsh expression used on parade, to send Lord CARDIGAN a challenge—a grievous offence in the eyes of the military law. Lord CARDIGAN peremptorily declined the cartel, and but too happy to find one of the enemy in his toils, applied for a court-martial. "Monsieur le Publique," as TALLEYRAND playfully calls the great people, took up with enthusiasm the cause of the regiment in the person of Captain REYNOLDS. These masses gathered round the gates of Canterbury barracks, and the proceedings of the Court were eagerly devoured in every quarter of the island. But while this storm of public anger raged without, the Horse Guards, the Military Government of England, deaf alike to popular feeling, reason, or justice, had snugly and quietly by their fireside doomed the too heavy Captain. The mode of action of the English Government, in such cases, is, though silent, steady, though secret, secure, and, of course, as to all English masters, perfectly *legal*. In fact, it is this virtue of *legality* which throws such a charm over the whole process. We love that most in which we most excel; and the English Government can pack a jury to perfection.

Other and perhaps nobler men than Capt. REYNOLDS have been disposed of by this dozen *violence* of a packed jury. The military law, entitled Captain REYNOLDS to claim that the officers on his court martial should be at *least* half of *the same, or inferior* rank to himself. *Every* officer on his court, save one, was of higher rank than himself. The verdict was of course dismissal, which, however, the Queen, in deference to popular feeling, commuted to a permission to sell. After the first burst of excitement and anger had passed away, the public soon forgot the doings of "Prince Albert's Own," and threw the "black bottle" aside among other old and neglected things, to be forgotten. With them each new wave obliterates the impression of the last. While, on the other hand, tyrant power worked silently its will. Lord CARDIGAN did effect one object—of weeding out one by one "those d—d Indian officers"; but not the other—of supplying their place with the young nobility of England. The regiment is shunned to this hour, and has been ever since, and is now a receptacle for those who cannot obtain a commission in any other.

It is but due, however, to Lord CARDIGAN to say that the soldiers did not share by any means the feelings of the officers, and that he brought his regiment to a state of high discipline and efficiency which rendered it the best drilled of the perfect light cavalry corps. Upon several occasions of reviews in honor of distinguished visitors, the regiment has been frequently made to execute manœuvres, from a distance for admiration, and the perfection of its appearance and rapidity of its evolutions have always elicited expressions of the highest admiration. When last we saw it in review, it was at Windsor, before the Queen. Little did we then dream, as the fifth and [illegible] both in the first charge at Balaklava, [illegible] like a flash across the plain, the chasm on [illegible] lances waving as a field of flowers, up to the very presence of the Emperor, whose plume towered far above every bonnet in the field, that that frantic charge was but a repetition of one so deadly against the troops of that very monarch to whom all England's chivalry was doing honor on that day. The chief object of attraction to the Emperor, however, it may be interesting to mention, was the 11th, the only regiment of the line in the field. Passing by the show and glitter of the Guards, he devoted considerable attention and time to examining the movements and equipment of the regiment, remarking that he "loved to see the men who fought the battles."

Lord CARDIGAN expends annually a considerable portion of his private fortune on his regiment. He neither gambles nor [illegible]. His sacrifices alone to Mars and Venus. The object to which he devotes this expenditure is most judicious. Of course much, if not all of the perfection of a cavalry regiment depends on the perfection of the horses. The regulation price allowed by the English Government is twenty-five pounds for each horse, which must be fit for duty at once. Instead of purchasing them at the age of five and six, as other officers are obliged to do, Lord CARDIGAN expends the regulation money in purchasing them when one or two year old colts, when of course he can obtain for the price animals of far superior breed, and then trains and rears them at his own expense at his beautiful seat of Dean Park in Northamptonshire, drafting them to the regiment when they are of sufficient strength and age. Lord CARDIGAN spares no expense to improve the material condition and supply the physical comforts of his men. But all mental refinement he holds in thorough contempt, as unbecoming the profession of a soldier. If illness visits them or their family, he is kind and attentive, and has done acts in their regard of a generosity so rich and unostentatious as to redeem even half his sins. Indeed his love of his profession and zeal and devotion to its duties have somewhat in them of romance. Often when the shrill call to stable has broken on the ear, of a dull, dark Winter morning, and startled us from a pleasant night passed at mess over whist or *vingt-un* and closed with a brilliant supper, have we seen on our way homeward through the barrack yard, Lord CARDIGAN wrapped in his scarlet hussar cloak, standing beneath some gateway to see that every soldier answered to the call.

But what avails now all this care and time and expense and labor, bestowed to bring man and steed to perfection. Man and steed sleep side by side beneath the shadow of the hills of Balaklava. The old 11th is no more!

The fire of disaffection which had been subdued with so strong a hand by the Reynolds Court Martial, never broke out openly after, but the embers never ceased to smoulder. In one instance, indeed, about two years since, for some imaginary offence, the Honorable Captain NOEL was marched out of quarters with the regiment, with a badge of disgrace, and without his sword. But Captain NOEL, being like Lord CARDIGAN of the lucky patrician order, and of a family of even higher rank and influence, his Lordship was compelled to do the penitent and make a public reparation. Peace, however, never found a home in the messroom of the 11th to the very hour of its sailing for the East.

But while grappling with these troubles in the field of Mars, Lord CARDIGAN was at the same time dazzling the world by his exploits in the softer field of Venus. Rumor, which we presume here as elsewhere occasionally magnifies, represented his frailties as innumerable as the sands of the sea. Each week some new wife and daughter was represented as sacrificed at the altar of his vanity or passion. It would ill become us to catch or recount the filthy whisper of scandal. We speak solely of things that are proved and known. But we have little doubt that Lord CARDIGAN never in his life allowed a solitary feeling of honor, generosity or mercy,—to speak of a higher feeling were desecration,—to interfere with the gratification of his smallest wish. No doubt the morale of the British army, which recent exposures have shown to be at so degradedly low an ebb, encourages this heartless profligacy by throwing around it a false glitter of chivalry. And from my Lord CARDIGAN, who carries away a baronet's wife, down to Ensign SMITH, who seduces his tailor's daughter,—he who offenest violates the sanctity of home, or betrays the generous confidence of friendship, is deemed the greatest hero in the British army. In piping times of peace, a piquant *crim. con.* notice in the *Times* is considered not alone by the hero engaged, but by the regiment to which he belongs, an brilliant a distinction as in times of war a ribbon for the Alma. Lord CARDIGAN's well known character for such adventure has exposed him to frequent cases of extortion, always undertaken under the generally successful expectation that he would rather prefer in such cases to pay than to plead. One of these found recently, however, a rather startling denouement. It was devised by no less a person than a son of the Marquis of ANGLESEA, Lord WILLIAM PAGET, a gentleman completely daguerreotyped in that happy American phrase—"a leader"—who, being in temporary difficulties, and having nothing to dispose of but his wife, invented this honorable method of repairing his shattered finances, and sued for heavy damages for the destruction of the honor of this lady—a virtuous German—whose honor had been, unfortunately, similarly destroyed about as often as Drury-lane in San Francisco. Lord CARDIGAN defended, and the public pulse beat high with expectation. Foreign witnesses of the "*non mi recorde*" school were produced, and fictitious scenes of a most thrilling character reluctantly detailed. It was even said the injured wife was prepared to own her shame, when suddenly, on cross-examination, by some derangement in the machinery the whole fabric fell to the ground.

Thus Lady WILLIAM PAGET's honor, and Lord CARDIGAN's purse were saved. In all his gallantries, Lord CARDIGAN has never seen affected a scintilla of that sentiment which by relieving vice of all its grossness is said to relieve it of half its evil. Some three years since we remember he carried away from Dublin, where his regiment was then quartered, a lady of singular beauty, the wife of the Chamberlain of Dublin Castle, Sir WILLIAM LEXSON, whose outraged feelings were subsequently soothed by a compensation of very large amount. Taking her to Scotland a few months afterward in his yacht, whether from remorse, or parting from her children or some other cause, Lady LEXSON was seized suddenly with illness and died under very harrowing circumstances. Within a week after we saw the speaker in his situation of spectator in the omnibus box, with his jeweled lorgnette planted on some new beauty, with a steady scrutiny that Thoroughly heartless and selfish, he stops from rain to ruin without a pang, and when his passion palls, casts aside his victims with the same graceful sway he does his lance.

In appearance Lord CARDIGAN is the beau ideal of a light dragoon. Arrogant, gay and dauntless in bearing, he stands about five feet eleven, and his frame, though slight, is well proportioned and firmly knit. His light brown hair he wears in short curls, and carries a weighty moustache of the same hue—his expression is sensual and selfish. His wealth insures him companions, but he has no friend. Of dress, and dash and glitter he is passionately fond, and when mounted in the gorgeous uniform of his regiment, and leading a charge on his beautiful dark chestnut Arab, he well looks the character to which he is said to aspire,—the MURAT of British Cavalry. High-bred and imperious, he little differs from the noble animal he rides. Like it he obeys every mere instinct and passion—like it he rejoices in the battle and rushes forward with a glorious animal courage against the foe;—but he is nothing more.

NOTICES OF NEW BOOKS.

HISTORY AND POETRY OF FINGER-RINGS. By CHARLES EDWARDS. 1 vol. 12mo., pp. 200. BOSTON: [illegible]

An interesting volume, the result of varied and even recondite reading, upon a subject hitherto never distinctively treated. Its character may be briefly given by describing it as "a scholar's fancy." Mr. EDWARDS is a conscientious as well as an able and agreeable author; for he might have expanded this into a portly volume, from the great extent of his materials, but studying concentration rather than diffuseness, he has wisely borne in mind the Greek saying that a great book is a great evil. Mr. EDWARDS gives the romance and poetry, as well as the history of finger-rings. He traces them from the earliest epoch when dim antiquity first left its visible traces, down to these later times, and wherever he can, illustrates, his subject with anecdotes, historical or personal. He relates interesting incidents connected with the most celebrated rings of ancient and modern times, and by numerous and well executed engravings, represents them to the eye. One of these represents one of the most ancient rings in the world. The very oldest is that which Pharaoh gave to Joseph, and was found as late as 1824, in Joseph's tomb, and is now the property of Lord ASHBURNHAM, in England. The actual signet-ring of Suphis or Cheops, King of Memphis, who caused the great pyramid of Egypt to be made for his monument, is described by Mr. EDWARDS, and is now in New-York. More than 2000 years before Christ, this ring was worn by that proud ruler who raised a world's wonder for his mausoleum. It was found at Ghiseh, and is part of Dr. ABBOTT's celebrated collection of Egyptian Antiquities. The signet-ring which SHAKSPEARE wore, discovered at Stratford in March, 1810, is represented in Mr. EDWARDS' illuminated title-page. It became the property, we believe, of the late CROFTON CROKER. *Apropos* of this, let us ask on what evidence Mr. EDWARDS has become so assured of the authenticity, as written by SHAKSPEARE, or even in his time, of the stanzas addressed to ANNE HATHAWAY, which gracefully play upon her surname.

PROFESSIONAL ETHICS—A COMPEND OF LECTURES ON THE AIMS AND DUTIES OF THE PROFESSION OF THE LAW. By GEORGE SHARSWOOD. Philadelphia: T. & J. W. JOHNSON. 1854.

This work will be generally recognized as timely and calculated to be useful to the legal profession, or so many of them as will consent to profit by it. It is pretty widely understood that instruction upon several important points of moral duty is sorely needed by the lawyers, although they may be themselves quite unconscious of their necessities in that regard. In our own State particularly, where the possession of "a good moral character" has come to be perhaps the more vitally important qualification for admission to the bar, it would seem that a sound and wholesome work upon Professional Ethics might be read with advantage by the student, in intervals of *Kent* and *The Code*, and might even be usefully consulted as an occasional guide in some of the so-called exigences of practice. And we suspect there is many a client who would find this little work an appropriate Christmas or New-Year's present to his professional adviser.

The questions discussed in the work before us are not unfamiliar to readers of legal literature. The principles of ethics which should guide the lawyer in his professional dealings;—his relations to, and duties towards the Court;—the measure of a proper fidelity towards his clients' interests, &c., &c.;—are the leading topics brought under consideration. The work is well calculated to raise the standard of professional duty among its readers, and we hope it may find many of them.

APOCALYPTIC SKETCHES. LECTURES ON THE SEVEN CHURCHES OF ASIA MINOR. By Rev. Dr. JOHN CUMMING.

This is another of LINDSAY & BLAKISTON's republications of the popular lectures of a most prolific and eloquent divine. Thirty-five lectures, based on texts contained within the first three chapters of Revelations, constitute the volume. They are marked by Dr. CUMMING's well-known peculiarities, and are full of tender and stirring appeals. We receive our copy through Mr. J. C. DERBY.

PLAIN WORDS TO YOUNG COMMUNICANTS. By JAMES W. ALEXANDER, D. D.

The title of this little volume sufficiently explains its object, and the name of the writer is evidence enough of its writings' excellence. Published by ANSON D. F. RANDOLPH.

Christ and Christianity is the title of an attempt on the part of Dr. WM. L. ALEXANDER to vindicate the Divine authority of the Christian religion by a process of strictly inductive reasoning. The author argues exclusively from facts, and endeavors, not unsuccessfully, to make his researches bear upon the more recent forms of infidelity. He particularly discusses the theory of STRAUSS. The book was published in London early in the year. CARLTON & PHILLIPS republish it here.

SMITH & ENGLISH, Philadelphia, publish a 12mo. of 432 pages, with the following title—*Religious Cases of Conscience Answered in an Evangelical Manner; or, the Inspiring Christian Instructed, &c.* By Messrs. PIKE & HAYWARD. It is a new edition, from a late London edition.

JOHN MOFFAT publishes in 12mo. form a book from the pen of Rev. J. HARRISON, (pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Fishkill Landing,) entitled *Messiah's Throne and Kingdom; or, The Locality, Extent and Perpetuity of Christ's Kingdom.*

The Pastor's Gift; or, Outlines of Christian Duty, is the title of a small volume published by EDWARD H. FLETCHER, and written by Rev. A. JOY, as he tells us in the preface, to supply a want felt by himself while a young Christian.

The General Protestant Episcopal Sunday School Union publish a small neatly bound and gilt *Home Scene; or, Prayers and Meditations for Private Use*; with an introduction by Rev. JOHN CHANLER.

The Last Gift: an Incident from a Pastor's Experience, is from the pen of Rev. A. D. GRIFFITH. It is neatly presented to the public by EVANS & DICKERSON.

The Goblin Book, imagined and illustrated by HENRY L. STEPHENS, is a comic conceit published by DEWITT & DAVENPORT. It is good for an hour's laughing.

The TRACT SOCIETY issues W. REMAINE's treatise upon *The Life of Faith*.

FROM WASHINGTON.

The Cuban Correspondence and the French Spoliations—Know Nothing new Minister.

Special Correspondence of the N. Y. Daily Times.

WASHINGTON, Saturday, Dec. 23, 1854.

The diplomatic correspondence in the case of Captain GRISSOM was sent to the House a day or two since, without any recommendation whatever on the subject matter, by the President of the United States. I do not believe this failure of the President is the result either of conviction of right, or sound policy. On the contrary, I am inclined to believe he had prepared a message suggesting more forcible arguments against the Dutch than diplomatic notes, which have thus far failed of effect, but was constrained to withhold it at last, out of deference to the views of members of his Cabinet. The result is, that Captain GRISSOM's case, so far as the Administration is concerned, after furnishing the text for a number of very decided diplomatic domestic, is allowed to settle down in the long chapter of unredressed grievances, our action upon which has long since satisfied foreign Governments that they have only to persist long enough in refusing redress, to secure absolute immunity from responsibility to us.

Captain GRISSOM has had several interviews during the last week with the President and members of his Cabinet in relation to this case. The chief question raised, is whether this Government is warranted in looking behind the forms of justice as administered in Netherlands India, no matter how arbitrary or unjust they may be. One of the Cabinet, at least, and perhaps others, takes the ground that if we question the proceedings of Dutch officials or Courts in this case, we must expect to receive and entertain similar applications from foreign Governments whose citizens may be imprisoned in this country on a charge of having offended against the municipal laws of the United States, or any of the States.

In opposition to this, it is urged that the principles as laid down would seem to apply equally to cases where the accusation is in good faith, and when it is merely colorable,—merely the pretext for outrage. The whole subject is capable of extended and interesting argument,—such as I have not the space to offer here. I may be permitted to suggest, however, that this Government ought not to suffer its citizens to be cheated out of the protection of their Government, by the fact that the act of unlawful violence is cloaked under the forms governing the administration of criminal justice in the countries where they may chance to be subjected to arrest. If the Government cannot look behind an accusation of high treason (as in the present case,) to the real motive and intent of the prosecution, American citizens cannot safely set foot within the dominions of the absolute monarchies of Europe. The case of Rev. C. L. BRACE seems to me to be one in point. There an American citizen was imprisoned by the Austrian authorities upon a charge of inciting sedition. He was liberated through the intervention of American agents, and their action met the approbation of the Government.

This case, as it now stands, presents a very interesting and important question for the consideration of the country. The language of the President's Inaugural signifies nothing, if our Government cannot interfere in such cases of despotic oppression abroad, because it is the easiest thing in the world to find legal forms in despotic countries, to cover any and every case of wrong against an American citizen. Col. ORR and the entire South Carolina delegation are taking a very decided stand in support of Capt. GRISSOM's claim, and will doubtless urge it upon the attention of Congress. Unless there is something in the case which diplomacy, with all its searchings after pretexts, has not yet revealed, Capt. GRISSOM ought to receive the unanimous support of Congress. The case is not his alone. I do not present it as for him. It is the case of the country. Each and every citizen of the United States who may desire to visit, either for business or pleasure, the islands of the Indian Ocean, is as deeply interested in the question involved as Capt. GRISSOM himself. He has already suffered the oppression of the arbitrary Government of Netherlands India, to which any other of our fellow citizens may be subjected at any time when he happens to fall within their jurisdiction.

The matter has been referred to the House Committee on Foreign Relations. That committee will another it, if the President says so; and they will equally report in favor of any action the President may suggest. It is to be hoped the President will use his influence in behalf of prompt and decisive action. As statutory law is without effect unless penalty attaches to its violation,—so the law of nations and the law of international comity, and of humanity and justice, are all dead letters, unless there is a power somewhere to compel respect thereto. K.

Items of News in Texas.

Correspondence of the New-York Daily Times:

HOUSTON, Friday, Dec. 15, 1854.

Although the commercial embarrassments of the North are felt to some extent in Texas, yet the amount of money brought into the country by the vast number of emigrants who are seeking a home amongst us causes times to be comparatively easy. The wholesale merchants of Houston say they have sold a larger amount of goods this Fall than during any previous season. The amount of merchandise shipped through this place in 1854 certainly greatly exceeds that of any previous year. The emigration from all parts of the world is beyond precedent. In general they are of the right kind.

The Fall season has proved to be most favorable for saving the cotton and sugar crops. The roads have been favorable for transporting the crops to market as well as for emigration.

Several of our railroads are making progress. The cars are running on the Harrisburg Railroad to Stafford's Point, and it is supposed the road will soon be extended to Richmond, on the Brazos.

The social, educational and moral matters of the State are advancing rapidly. It is thought the time is near when the Lone Star State will cease to be *cursed by a legalized liquor traffic*. Schools are springing up in every community. Books are sought after, and command good prices. Among fifty-four newspapers of the State we hear no complaint of a want of patronage. Some half a dozen hebdominals are soon to be added to the list of Texas papers. An organ of the Order of Templars is already in existence, and it is contemplated to establish a periodical in connection with the Good Samaritan's Temperance Organization. Five religious newspapers are now published in the State, and two more are soon to be published. Are we not a progressive people? TEXAS.

Apparition of our Lady of La Salette.

TROY, N. Y., Tuesday, Dec. 26, 1854.

To the Editor of the New-York Daily Times:

An article published in the TIMES under the above title fell under my observation, and has induced me to submit the following information asked for.

I have seen the spot where the apparition occurred, have spoken to the little peasants who enjoyed the conversation of the Holy Virgin, and have read the narrative of the miracle by the Cardinal, Archbishop of Besançon. I have seen priests leading the processions of their parishioners, on the way to the chapel which has been built from the gifts of the pilgrims. I have heard sermons on the subject preached by the Grand Vicar of Grenoble, as well as other honorable and learned clergymen. And you may rest assured that every member of the Holy Roman Church interested in the matter did their utmost to persuade the people of the reality of the miraculous apparition. A great deal of money has been, and still is, raised from the images, medals, prayers, masses, &c., sold in honor of Our Lady of La Salette.

I might give you a full account of the miracle, but HARPER & BROTHERS have now in their hands for publication, a manuscript entitled *The French Religious Customs*, to which I refer those of your readers who may be anxious to learn more of this miracle or anything else with reference to the French faith in its present state.

Your obedient, RUTGER.

General HOUSTON's Baptism—His Religious Habits.

From America's Own, Dec. 22.

The announcement of Gen. HOUSTON's immersion, at Independence, Texas, has caused the wonder and surprise of many who had supposed that he was "past praying for," but it is no marvel to us. Let memory turn a quarter of a century back, and it will find that Gen. JACKSON was regarded as "little better than one of the wicked past praying for," and unworthy of the support of decent and religious people, but who does not know the habitual reverence and respect with which that great man was ever accustomed to speak of his dependence upon the Supreme Ruler of the Universe, of his rigid observance of the Sabbath, and the manifest humility of his religious devotions while President, and of his uniting with the Church after his labors on earth were accomplished. No man who knew Gen. JACKSON, ever doubted his sincerity as a Christian. And why, should his friend and pupil, who has been the wayward child of so many prayers, be considered past all hope of regeneration, through faith in the blood of the atonement?

General HOUSTON had a pious mother, who prayed over him from the cradle to her grave. The pious old women of Tennessee, met a few, took it up and prayed for him when he left the State as a volunteer under General JACKSON. The chaplain of the army included him in his prayers for the brave volunteers. The widows and orphans in Texas prayed for him, after the battle of San Jacinto, and when in one day he distributed to them five thousand dollars of his own and only money. The pious partner of his bosom has fervently prayed for him without ceasing, believing that in accordance with the divine will and economy, "the believing wife shall sanctify the unbelieving husband." The Indians have prayed to the Great Spirit for him, and the three thousand and fifty clergymen have been praying for him ever since the Nebraska outrage in the Senate.

General HOUSTON has been a powerful reader of the Scriptures for many years. He has been a constant attendant upon Divine worship. He has never gone to bed without first reading a portion of God's Holy Word, and of kneeling down and committing himself to the care of that Being who has watched over and preserved him. General HOUSTON has arrived at the age of three score and one, and he feels that these are sober times. As almost the only surviving friend of General JACKSON, it is not surprising that, after adding to his virtue Temperance, to Temperance Godliness, he should make an open confession of his faith, by baptism and the washing of regeneration. We have never doubted of General HOUSTON's election and final salvation, "through sanctification and belief of the truth."

The London Times' War Correspondent.

The following paragraph from the Dublin Packet, we find copied into the London Times. It disposes conclusively of statements that have been made attributing to Mr. KINGLAKE the author of "Eothen," the authorship of the graphic letters from the seat of war, published in the *Times*:

"We publish again this evening another of those extremely graphic and interesting pictures of the campaign, furnished by Mr. WILLIAM RUSSELL, the efficient correspondent of the *Times*. It is well that the glory of our arms has found so able a chronicler. Nothing from the seat of war has exceeded the vigor and completeness of his wonderfully vivid sketch of the struggle at Alma, and his scarcely less striking descriptions of the irregular contest at Inkermann, except, perhaps, his own account of the glorious, but fatal episode in the Valley of Balaklava. Not only has his pen given us a comprehensive view of the disposition of the troops, the nature of the locality, and the movements of the contending parties in the battles he has witnessed; but he has preserved an impartial record of every act of personal bravery, and has done equal justice to the private in the ranks who has distinguished himself by superior valor, and the leaders of divisions signalized by their contempt of danger. No writer in the Crimea has at all approached Mr. RUSSELL in fullness of details or attractiveness of style; and certainly no other has devoted himself with the same energy to the advocacy of the cause of the soldier. Through his instrumentality deficiencies in the arrangements of the Medical Department were brought to light and remedied, which otherwise might have continued unknown at home; and, although his statements were on several occasions impugned, his testimony, where he professed to relate what he had seen or heard, has always been confirmed by subsequent events. To him the public are, therefore, not only indebted for a splendid panoramic view of the fields of Alma, Balaklava, and Inkermann, but also for several practical suggestions which have been readily adopted by the authorities. Although he has traced with the most splendid effect scenes of inflexible glory, his object has not alone been to take accurate photographs of the grander realities of war, but to descend to the minutiæ of campaigning, in order to aid the Government and the people in carrying forward the contest with proper vigor and as little suffering to our troops as possible. While, then, his descriptions have been masterly in their clearness and splendor, his advice has proved of some value, and his censures are as just as temperate and well-intentioned. It is with much pride we claim him as an Irishman, and a member of the press by profession.—*Dublin Patriot.*

The Young British Officers.

Previous to the war luxury and indulgence appeared to have reached a point the most extravagant. Young men and elderly men seemed to vie with one another in providing means of immediate self-gratification. The club-houses of the Metropolis became joint-stock palaces of refined and elaborate luxuriousness. If, on the Derby-day, or Oaks-day of 1853, one had walked into St. James-street about 11 o'clock in the morning, there were to be seen the young men of fashion with their admirably appointed carriages, preparing for the sports of the day, and most of them with blue veils tied around their hats, intended to be used as guards for their complexions, when once starting the sun and dust of the road. If one walked on to the Army and Navy Club-house, in Pall-Mall, the most preposterously luxurious of all the palaces in that neighborhood, there were other similar groups. Among all these young men, though in the dress of civilians, were officers of the regiments generally stationed in London, the very regiments which have been performing such astonishing feats of valor! These young men who thought it necessary to guard their faces from the sun of a British Summer day, are the same who have lain in their tents upon the heights above Sebastopol, scarcely sheltered from the cold dampness of a November night, and have started with alacrity at the first sound of the trumpet or the drum, in the raw mists of the morning, to lead their comrades the most terrible conflicts that ever soldiers were engaged in, and to face death in every terrible aspect that death can assume.

OMER PACHA.

SCUTARI, Wednesday, Nov. 15, 1854.

On Friday last an incident occurred at the opera here which had excited considerable sensation, and is the talk of the town. OMER PACHA made his appearance in his box, accompanied by the wife of his nephew, TAFWIK BEY. The lady was completely unveiled, and sat down facing to the music with the most perfect composure. This is, I believe, the first instance on record in which the wife of a Mussulman has dispensed her features before man, and above all before Christians, and is consequently a tremendous innovation, of which I am very anxious to see the result. It displays great courage on the part of OMER PACHA, but will, I am certain, when the news reaches Constantinople, excite the fiercest ire among the old Turks. HUSSAIN PACHA came into the box soon after, and entered into conversation with Madame; and while this was going on ISMAIL PACHA (not he of Kahifa) arrived, and took his place on the opposite side of the house. Glancing hastily at OMER PACHA, but on seeing the lady, suddenly became deadly pale, remained motionless for two or three minutes, and then rose up, saluted again, left the box, and returned no more. On the same evening HUSSAIN PACHA distributed tickets for twelve English, twelve French, twelve Wallachian and twelve Turkish soldiers, who took their places in the stalls and enjoyed the spectacle, much to the great rage of the Austrian officers, who [illegible] absence of it next day.

☞ The long pending suit between the States of Georgia and Florida, relative to their boundary line, will be argued at the present term of the United States Supreme Court at Washington. The judgment of the Court will throw into the State of Georgia or Florida nearly two millions of acres of land, belonging, the greater part, to the United States.

NEW-YORK CITY.

NEW-YORK ANTI-SLAVERY SOCIETY.

Lecture by Cassius M. Clay.

The 6th of the series of Anti-Slavery lectures for the present Winter was delivered on Tuesday evening in the Tabernacle, by Hon. CASSIUS M. CLAY, of Kentucky. The audience was large, and received the speaker with much favor. The subject of his address was "The political despotism of Slavery." The speaker said that a half million of Slaves, he said, were form an engine of the whole population of the country, are ignored both religiously, morally and politically by the Slave power. The crushed feelings of the race are exhibited in the airs which have acted hold on the whole popular heart, and which testify to the strong affections of the oppressed Slave by the deep tenderness which is embodied in "My ole Kentucky Home," or "Carry me back to ole Virginia." The originators of the system of Slavery in the Southern States were actually oligarchs, although they lay claim to the name of Republicans, and in South Carolina, which is the very Sanhedrim of Slavery, a man cannot hold a seat in the Legislature unless he is possessed of a certain number of Slaves, or their equivalent in land.

In Kentucky, the native State of the speaker, there was formed an aristocracy not less distinctly marked than in England; not less even than in the empire of the Czar himself. And this distinction of caste, here observable, entered into the whole political administration of the State. And when at the great Kentucky State Convention, which met to discuss the question of Slavery, and was composed of one hundred delegates, not one representative of the seven hundred thousand Democratic people of the State appeared, what a lamentable commentary was that on the republican sentiment and on the political practises of the country! And, as another instance of shamefacing domination, the Mexican war was begun for the avowed purpose of maintaining the supremacy of the slave power. So strong was the oligarchical spirit at the Kentucky Convention, that Mr. MARSHALL declared he had a wish to preserve the wholesome influence of landlord over tenant. What was meant by that? In that State the mechanics and the great bulk of the people, enjoying to a comparatively insignificant extent the commercial advantages possessed by this State, were dependant more immediately on the landholders, and if they dared to vote for the opponents of Slavery, they must pull up their stakes and plant their houses by the roadside. And so the Press, relying mainly on the moneyed and aristocratic class which oppresses the masses, both black and white, were not at liberty to express their sentiments, save at the sacrifice of their means of existence. The clergy of the South occupied a position equally anomalous and equally servile. The assertion that the influence of Anti-Slavery agitators had injured the cause of emancipation was declared by the speaker to have no foundation in fact. On the contrary, the condition of the Slave has been progressing steadily since the formation of the Constitution. It was true that some of the laws with regard to Slavery had been made more restrictive, but that was a necessity of the case, and was due to the external pressure of the Pro-Slavery power. The sentiment of the South, however, was in advance of her laws, and the popular mind sympathized now, more than ever, with the cause of the Slave. Not only had Slavery led to this oligarchical domination of the Slave power in the South, but it had destroyed almost all the great principles of liberty that were in force before the Revolution. Liberty of speech had been repressed, liberty of the press had been denied, trial by Jury had been made a mockery of; the post-office was no protection, and was used but as an agent for invading the privacy of business and affection, and the liberty of the person was no longer recognized, when my Lord FILLMORE's breakfast upon a dollar a day to act as a slave constable. [Applause.] Better to live under the despotism of NAPOLEON, or VICTORIA, or the Czar, than to compromise with such a slaveocracy as that. [Applause.] In the United States Congress the right of petition was a dead letter; the voice of the people expressed by petition was disregarded, and liberty of speech was put down by the pistol and the bowie-knife, unless when exercised by some gallant spirits at the risk of reputation and life itself. [Applause.] The slave power talked of preserving the Constitution, but when the rights of foreign states had been assailed, where then was the talk of preserving the Constitution which that slave power so unhesitatingly burst through? Then they talked of compromise. He could compromise a matter of dollars and cents, he could compromise a personal injury as a matter of personal courtesy; but compromise a principle, and such a principle as that involved in the question of Slavery, never! [Applause.] And this was the compromise which DANIEL WEBSTER, the great upholder of the Constitution, had declared so far back as 1820, to be unconstitutional. [Applause.] When the miserable Holy Alliance formed a despotic organization to repress every rising of popular Liberty on the old continent, and to suppress Republicanism if possible, here, it was suggested by the South that a convention should be held at Panama, of all the American Republics, to form an Alliance to preserve Republicanism in the new continent; and as Col. BENTON says in his Thirty Years' View, the beatings of the popular heart were in favor of that movement. A Minister was appointed by this Government to go to Panama with that intent, but the South, beginning to fear the results that might arise from such a movement, so far as it could affect the institution of Slavery by entering into such a combination with Southern Republics in which no distinction of class was recognized, drew back, and the end remained unaccomplished. The sympathies of the slaveholding oligarchy were on the side of Russia against the land that produced MILTON, and CROMWELL, and BACON; they sneered at the struggles of the Hungarian patriots, and have ever been found on the side of despotism against Liberty, because by a natural mode of reasoning they are led to infer that the men who would give freedom to the white man, would not probably be satisfied until they had given freedom also to the black. [Applause.] What then were the friends of liberty to do? [A voice: "To vote."] The South was continually gaining strength, and continually making good the declaration that wherever the United States flag went, there Slavery went with it. We in the North might build our marble palaces and clothe ourselves in purple and precious stones, but unless we had the spirit of true freemen, the annihilation of what liberty was left to us was inevitable, and the destruction of the Union would be irretrievably accomplished. We should then assert our rights, and, instead of longer bowing in servile submission to a power intrinsically weaker than our own, we should plant ourselves on the Constitution and ever recognize as our motto the hope, "May God defend the Right," and ever labor to fulfil it. [Loud applause.]

Suicide.

At an early hour yesterday, a lamentable suicide was committed in Greenwich-street. An Englishman named JAMES CROSSLAND, boarding at Parker's Hotel, in Greenwich-street, cut his throat in a horrible manner while in the water-closet. He arrived here on the 21st inst. in the ship *William Tapscott*, from Lancaster, England, where he has a wife and eight children. On his arrival, he met with some friends at PARKER's, who left for the West a day or two afterwards, borrowing nearly all the money he had, under a promise to return it to him on their arrival at Schenectady. But the money did not come, and, finding himself penniless, he wrote to a brother living in the western part of this State; but receiving no word from him, supposed he was deserted. During the evening of Tuesday, he seemed very uneasy, and retired to bed about 10½ o'clock, and early in the morning he was seen to come down stairs and go out. One of the boarders, upon going to the water-closet shortly after the deceased went out, found it fastened.

He waited awhile and then returned, and the people of the house supposing that something was wrong, broke open the door, when the deceased was found sitting with his throat cut from ear to ear twice. Upon his person were found a silver watch with a hair chain, a shaving brush and a razor case, containing one razor and two keys. The razor with which he cut his throat he threw down the privy. He was about 25 years of age, and is supposed to be a hatter by profession. The Coroner's Jury returned a verdict in accordance with the above facts.

Serious Affray in Broadway.

About 1 o'clock yesterday morning a serious affray occurred in VAIL's Saloon, corner Broadway and Park-place, between GEORGE HALEY and JOHN MOORE. After partaking of drinks a quarrel ensued between them in regard to some trifling matters. During the conflict MOORE had the end of his nose bitten off by HALEY, who also seized him by the under lip, and injured him severely.

The sufferer was conveyed to the residence of his afflicted family in Walker-street. In the afternoon MOORE went to the lower police-office, and preferred a charge of mayhem against HALEY.

The defendant in this affair is the same person with whom Capt. CARPENTER, of the Fifth Ward Police, recently had serious trouble.

Commissioners of Emigration.

A meeting of the Commissioners of Emigration—the first of the year—was held yesterday afternoon. The regular monthly requisitions were read and disposed of, a number of bills ordered paid, and several communications received and appropriately acted on.

The following report was submitted:

Whereas, in consequence of great want of employment, an unusual quantity of mechanics and laborers are placed in a very destitute condition, and in consequence thereof seek temporary relief from this Commission; and

Whereas, in order to relieve the worthy, needy, and deserved the indolent impostor, it is necessary to inspect the various applications for aid.

Your Committee on Out-Door Poor report in favor of appointing two visitors.

1st. Whose duty it shall be to visit and inspect such applicants, and report in writing to the Vice-President; and

2d. Whose salary shall be at the rate of $600 per annum.

The report was adopted, and the Committee on Out-Door Poor was empowered to appoint the visitors provided for.

An appropriation of $100 was made for the purchase of cakes, &c., for the inmates of Ward's Island on New-Year's Day.

Commissioner WITHAUS submitted the following resolution, and it was adopted:

Resolved, That the Consignees of the ship *St. Patrick* be held responsible for any loss to the luggage of the passengers, caused by negligence, and for all expenses already incurred, and yet to be made, on account of said passengers by the Commissioners of Emigration, and that the Vice-President be authorized to enforce the same by law.

The statements of the week give the following exhibit:

Emigrants in Marine Hospital	355
Emigrants in Emigrant Refuge	3,255
Amount of funds deposited in Mechanics' Bank	$65,115 94
Due Counties	8,900 77

THE YEAR'S IMMIGRATION.

There have arrived at the Port of New-York during the present year, (from January 1 to December 15, inclusive,) 303,943 immigrants, as follows:

From	No.	From	No.
Ireland	79,004	Belgium	385
Germany	105,723	West Indies	11
England	30,816	Nova Scotia	128
Scotland	4,414	Sardinia	148
Wales	1,200	South America	196
France	7,365	Canada	2
Spain	543	China	20
Switzerland	4,030	Sicily	59
Holland	1,280	Mexico	53
Norway	81	Russia	52
Sweden	1,751	Turkey	6
Denmark	109	Greece	7
Italy	773	Poland	159
Portugal	200		

The meeting of the Commissioners of Emigration yesterday, was held, for the first time, in their new quarters, formerly Christ Church, in Anthony-street, between Broadway and Church-street. The building is ample and convenient for all the requirements of the Commissioners. It is practically and tastefully fitted up. The improvement was much needed. Emigrants will not for the future be compelled to stand in the open air while waiting their turns to transact their business with the Commission. The building is in the hands of the Board of Health, from whom it is leased by the Board of Emigration.

New-York Institution for the Blind.

The annual election of Managers of the New-York Institution for the Blind, was held at the office of JOHN P. CROSBY, Esq., No. 1 Hanover street, yesterday. The following named gentlemen were elected for the ensuing year:

Silas Brown, George F. Allen, Isaac Wood, M. D., Robert Gracie, Robert J. Murray, Robert L. Cass, John P. Crosby, Augustus Schell, George T. Jones, John G. Adams, M. D., Governeur M. Ogden, James N. Cole, Edward L. Beadle, M. D., Edward Wood, John D. Ogden, M. D., Alfred W. Craven, Anson G. Phelps, G. T. Olyphant, W. Curtis Noyes, Wm. M. Abbott.

Alleged Fraud.

On the complaint of AARON C. BURR, residing in Jay-street, two men named HENRY SUTLER and JOSEPH MASON, were arrested yesterday, charged with obtaining 18,000 cigars, valued at $252, by fraudulent representations. The defendants gave bail.

COMMON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS.

Board of Aldermen.... WEDNESDAY, Dec. 27.

N. C. ELY, President, in the Chair.

EXTENSION OF PARK-PLACE.

Resolution by Alderman MOTT: That the actual opening of Park-place through the grounds of Columbia College, to College-place, take place forthwith, under the direction of the Street Commissioner. *Adopted.*

A resolution presented by Alderman WAKEMAN, earnestly recommending to each Department of the City Government the urgent necessity of causing all work heretofore, or which may hereafter be ordered, to be put under immediate contract, with requisite provision to ensure the speedy completion of the work, so that employment may be given to the large number of destitute mechanics and laborers, was adopted.

HUDSON RIVER RAILROAD.

The report of the Special Committee in favor of prohibiting the Hudson River Railroad Company from using steam to propel the cars below Fifty-ninth-street, was laid on the table and made the special order for Friday next.

Alderman BLUNT presented an ordinance directing the Company to take up the present track and substitute grooved rails, and allowing them to run small cars for City passengers.

REPORTS FROM THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN CONCURRED IN.

Of Committee on Salaries and Offices, fixing the salary of the Assistant Auditor at $1,200.

On Repairs and Supplies, in favor of building a new carriage for Hose Company No. 60.

REMOVAL OF THE OLD CITY HALL RUINS.

The resolution from the Board of Councilmen in relation to the removal of the ruins of the old building known as the New City Hall, was, after a long discussion, laid on the table.

Alderman VOORHIS thought the general destitution among mechanics and laboring men at present was owing to their own injudicious conduct. Hundreds who last Summer were offered high wages to continue through the Winter, refused, and continued on a strike for months, wasting more than would suffice to support them now while unemployed. If a chance were given them to work for $1 a day, he thought they would not earn it, and that it would be more profitable for the City to give the money.

Alderman CHRISTY opposed the resolution. He thought such action would be illegal, and that were laborers to be employed, they would not be paid.

Board of Councilmen.... WEDNESDAY, DEC. 27.

The President, EDWIN J. BROWN, Esq., in the Chair.

After the usual preliminaries the Board proceeded to business.

THE REYNOLDS CONTRACT.

Resolution by Councilman CONOVER—To accept the surrender of the Contract with Wm. B. Reynolds, now proffered by him on the payment to $85,447 42. Laid over.

ENGINE COMPANY NO. 18.

The Report of the Committee on Fire Department, in favor of organizing Francis D. Thorne and others into an Engine Company, in place of Engine Company No. 18, lately disbanded, was adopted.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Fire Department—In favor of building a new carriage for Hose Company No. 23.

Assessments—In favor of confirming assessment for paving and setting curb and gutter in Seventh-avenue, from Forty-sixth to Fifty-first-streets.

Repairs and Supplies—In favor of confirming awards of contracts for building carriages for Hose Company No. 10, Hose Company No. 16, engines for Engine Company No. 29, Engine Company No. 32, and truck for Hook and Ladder Company No. 13.

BILLS CONCURRED IN.

In favor of organizing John F. Sloper and his associates as a Fire Engine Company, in place of Engine Company No. 30, lately disbanded.

In favor of building a house for Hose Company No. 55, on the lot No. 115 Christopher-street.

On motion, the Board went into third reading of bills.

EXTENSION OF ALBANY-STREET.

After one bill had been passed upon, Councilman FEYE moved that the regular order of business be suspended in order to consider the question of the extension of Albany-street.

Councilman KENNEDY hoped that the regular order would not be interfered with.

Councilman JACKSON said that there being about forty members of the Board present, Councilman FEYE decided to bring up the matter in hope to carry it in the absence of many gentlemen who were in favor of the repeal of the ordinance authorizing the extension of Albany-street.

Councilman FEYE said that if there was any scheming in the matter it was on the side of Trinity Church, as it was currently reported that it was the aim of those who opposed the extension to stave off the proceedings, so that no vote could be taken in the matter until the next year.

Councilman JACKSON thought that courtesy to the gentlemen who submitted the minority report of the Committee, who was absent, should prevent the taking up the bill.

Councilman MATTHEW said that the real reason for wishing to take up the bill was that the organized band who had been present on a former occasion to bias those who favored the extension of the street, were not now present.

Councilman BELDEN said that if it was a fact that any persons were brought in for such a purpose, and such a thing was to be repeated, though he voted against the extension of Albany-street on former occasions, it would have the effect to make him change his vote.

Councilman KENNEDY said that on the night in question he had heard only two hisses, which alone formed the basis of the gentleman's supposition that a crowd for the purpose of intimidating members had been brought in.

Councilman COOPER said that not only did the crowd hiss, but immediately after the vote was taken they left the room, went in the rear of the City Hall and gave three cheers for Councilmen WILD and three groans for the Common Council.

The motion to take up was carried by the following vote:

AYES—Councilmen Gannon, Young, Healy, Bickford, Clancy, Tuttle, Roe, Wainwright, See, Cooper, Brush, Purdy, Phillips, Kimbark, Schuyler, Raymond, Elliott, Forbes, Monaghan, Farren, Beakley, Brown, Jeremiah, Lambrecht, Frye, McClave, Earl, Varian, Baxter, Mather and Pearson—31.

NAYS—Councilmen H. Smith, Clifton, Jackson, Kennedy, Schenck, Gray, Crawford, Holder, Reed, Sammis, Belden, Slevin, Wm. H. Smith, Husted, Finckney, Curry, Conover and Moller—19.

Councilman CONOVER then moved that the subject be made the special order for Thursday night, which was lost by the following vote:

AYES—Councilmen H. Smith, Clifton, Jackson, Kennedy, Schenck, Healy, Gray, Crawford, Holder, Reed, Sammis, Belden, Slevin, Wm. H. Smith, Husted, Curry, Conover, Earl, Moller—19.

NAYS—Councilmen Gannon, Young, Clancy, Healy, Bickford, Clancy, Tuttle, Roe, Wainwright, See, Cooper, Brush, Purdy, Phillips, Kimbark, Schuyler, Raymond, Elliott, Forbes, Monaghan, Farren, Vermilye, Beakley, Brown, McIntyre, Jeremiah, Finckney, Lambrecht, Frye, McClave, Varian, Baxter, Mather, Pearson—32.

A subsequent motion to postpone a consideration of the matter until Friday, was lost by a vote of 19 Ayes to 30 Nays.

A motion to adjourn was then made, and lost by a vote of 22 Ayes to 28 Nays.

Councilman HOLDEN then made a long speech in opposition to the extension, prior to making which he announced that he was to talk against time. During his remarks there was a great deal of confusion in the Board. In conclusion, he moved that the subject be referred to the Committee of the Whole. The motion was lost by a vote of 18 Ayes to 27 Nays.

Councilman COOPER then moved the previous question.

A motion was made to lay the motion for the previous question on the table, which was lost.

A motion to adjourn was then made. The Ayes and Nays were called for, and during the recording of the vote several members of the Board started for the door, on the ground, as they stated, that there was an attempt to gag the sentiment of the Board by attempting to carry the measure while the members were absent who opposed the repeal of the ordinance.

The President ordered that the Sergeant-at-Arms and Doorkeeper prevent the members from leaving the room. They were physically unable to do so, and Councilmen KENNEDY, REED, CONOVER, JACKSON, W. H. SMITH, GRAY, BELDEN, SAMMIS, H. SMITH and CLIFTON left the room. A confusion followed that was well worthy of the Board of Councilmen, during which numerous votes were taken. The motion to take up the previous question was carried by a vote of 29 Ayes to 9 Nays.

The vote was finally taken on the motion to adopt the minority report of the Committee concurring with the Board of Aldermen to repeal the ordinance for the extension of Albany-street. The motion was lost by a vote of 11 Ayes and 24 Nays.

A motion was then made for a reconsideration of the vote, which was followed by a second speech from Mr. HOLDEN, during which Mr. CONOVER returned to his seat in the Board. As Mr. HOLDEN finished,

Councilman FEYE moved the previous question.

Councilman CONOVER said that there was evidently a concerted action between the President and Mr. FEYE, by which whenever the President gave the wink Councilman FEYE was to move the previous question. He had seen the signal given, and he would defy the President to deny the truth of his statement.

The President said that he did deny the truth of the statement.

Councilman FEYE also denied it.

Again the Board was in an uproar, and motions, and counter-motions, decisions of the Chair, and appeals from the decisions of the Chair, and loud talking of a half-dozen members at a time, were the order. The motion to reconsider was finally put.

During the recording of the vote, the gas gave out, and the Chamber was enveloped in darkness. For a brief period the Chamber resounded with yells and laughter. Mr. McCLENACHAN, the Clerk, however, was equal to the emergency, as he produced a box of loco-focos and a candle, which shed sufficient light on affairs to finish recording the vote, which stood as follows:

For a reconsideration, 12; against, 27. So the matter stands.

The Board then adjourned.

Board of Education.

A regular meeting of the Board of Education was held yesterday at 5 o'clock P. M., at the Hall of the Board, E. C. BENEDICT, President, in the Chair.

An application was presented from the school officers of the Sixteenth Ward, asking an appropriation of $6,700 to furnish the new school-house in Seventeenth-street. Referred to the Finance Committee.

Resolutions were adopted declaring that where certificates had been given to teachers in controvention of the by-laws, the same should be corrected; also that teachers should receive certificates of fitness for the rank and grade to which, on examination, they might be found competent. A report of the City Superintendent, showing the grades and salaries of teachers, in conformity with the resolutions passed, was ordered back for revisal.

The following resolution, passed by the Board of Supervisors at a meeting held the 20th inst., was read and ordered on file:

Resolved, That the sum of nine hundred and fifty-six thousand and ten dollars be raised and appropriated to the use of the Board of Education for the year 1855.

The Finance Committee submitted a Report recommending the adoption of a resolution that the Comptroller be requested to authorize a deposit of $27,000 subject to the drafts of the Board of Education on and after the 23th inst. The report was adopted. The Committee further recommended the appropriation of $2,235, as applied for by the School Officers of the Twentieth Ward for balance of cost of School in Thirty-seventh-street. Adopted.

A lengthy report of the Select Committee on Libraries was offered, giving a detailed account of the condition and extent of the Libraries at present in the different Ward Schools of the City. The Libraries were shown to be greatly deficient in system and magnitude. To give them a character suitable to the present and future wants of the Schools, the Committee deemed the State Annual Appropriation for such purpose sufficient. The present time was thought most auspicious to confer the benefits proposed, as all the Schools of the City were now under the general supervision of the Board and their action could affect the whole. The plan suggested by the Committee on By-laws appended to the report was, that Schools having an attendance of 150 children and under should be furnished with a Library of a maximum of 500 volumes—that Schools having an attendance of over 150 children and under 250, be furnished with a Library of 1,000 volumes—and that Schools with an attendance of over 250 children should be furnished with a Library of 1,500 volumes. The report was unanimously adopted, and ordered to be printed.

The Board adjourned till Saturday afternoon next.

LAW INTELLIGENCE.

COURT CALENDAR, THIS DAY.

Juries discharged for the term.

Decisions in Admiralty.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT.—Dist. Ct. Before Judge Hall.

TAXATION BY COURT—MARSHAL'S FEE.

The United States vs. *the Ship Florida.*—This was an appeal from a decision of costs. A libel was filed against the ship to forfeit her for carrying an excess of passengers. Application was made for a remission of the forfeiture, and it was accordingly remitted and the suit ordered to be discontinued "on payment of costs." By the Fee Bill of 1853 the Marshal is entitled "in case the debt or claim shall be settled by the parties without a sale of the property to a commission of one per cent on the first $500 of the claim or debt, and one half of one per cent on the excess over $500; provided that in case the value of the property shall be less than the claim, then such commission shall be allowed only on the appraised value thereof."

The ship in this case was valued at $50,000, and the Marshal accordingly claimed to be entitled under the fee bill among other things to a commission of $260 00. This item was allowed by the clerk and the claimants appealed from this taxation.

The question contained in the decision of the Clerk was, Shall the costs be taxed by the Court or Clerk?

For the United States, Mr. Joachimsen; *for claimants*, Mr. Evarts.

SECRETARY OF APPEAL.

James Wilson vs. *The Steamship*.—The steamship having been sold, and her proceeds paid into the registry of the Court, this suit, one of several against the vessel, was brought to trial and a decree rendered in favor of the libellant. From this decree the claimants appealed to the Circuit Court, and the fund still remaining in Court, they applied to be allowed to appeal upon giving security for costs. The libellant objected to this, claiming that security should also be given to pay the amount of the decree as usual.

Ordered by the Court—That the motion be granted so far as to allow the appeal on giving security for costs and the interest on the decree.

For libellant, Mr. McMahon; *for claimants*, Mr. Burrill.

SUPREME COURT—GENERAL TERM.

Before Mitchell, P. J., Morris and Clerke, J. J.

DECISIONS.

Graham vs. *Leavitt, Receiver of the North American Trust Co.*—An appeal does not stay the taxation of costs nor the insertion of them in the judgment roll. Where an action was commenced in Chancery before the Code took effect and judgment was rendered in 1854, the costs to July 1, 1851, are to be taxed according to the old Chancery fee-bill, and after that time according to the Code.

Fettes vs. *Price.*—Judgment affirmed with costs.

Bellows vs. *Patridge.*—Judgment affirmed with costs.

Dennis vs. *Kennedy.*—Judgment affirmed with costs.

Morgan vs. *Mechanics Banking Association.*—Judgment affirmed with costs.

People ex rel. Stuart vs. *Edmonds.*—Order affirmed with costs.

Fisher vs. *Denny.*—The order was to be affirmed if papers were not submitted by the 24th November. That was not done. Judgment affirming order entered.

Whittaker vs. *Fisher.*—Judgment affirming order entered.

Beerman vs. *Gehrman.*—A partner colluding with a plaintiff, the creditor of the firm, that a suit should be commenced against the firm, and the summons be served on him alone and not on the other partner, and that he should then make an order admitting the plaintiff's claim. Judgment may be entered against him alone, but is irregular if entered against both members of the firm, the other members being within reach of process. Judgment entered against both will be set aside as to the one not served.

Vogel vs. *Bedcock.*—Judgment reversed with costs, with leave to defendant to answer on payment of costs of Special Term, and to move to strike out parts of the complaint as irrelevant.

Gallagher vs. *Gallagher.*—Order at Special Term modified so that the cause be tried before a Jury; the report of the referee set aside without costs.

Canal Bank vs. *Harris.*—Order at Special Term modified so that the motion to set aside the execution be heard in the Fourth Judicial District. No costs on the appeal.

Hudson vs. *Conant.*—Judgment affirmed with costs.

Brewer vs. *Lewis.*—New trial granted, with costs to abide the event.

In the matter of the United States Trust Company of New-York.—Order as to mode and time of making annual report.

Markee vs. *Aldrich.*—The taxation of costs affirmed except as to the costs of the Circuit after January, 1852, and prior to November, 1852, during the pendency of the demurrer.

Wyman vs. *Hart.*—New trial denied with costs, Judge Roosevelt dissenting.

People ex rel. Jenkins vs. *Parker Vein Coal Company.*—Mandamus is not the proper remedy to compel a Company, whether solvent or insolvent, to transfer stock to a purchaser of stock.

SPECIAL TERM—Dec. 27.

Before Hon. Justice Mitchell.

Thrasher vs. *King.*—Application for leave to issue execution denied, and plaintiff left to action on the judgment or motion or supplemental complaint.

Paul vs. *Paul.*—Order as to alimony and allowance settled.

In the matter of the application of the General Mutual Insurance Company of New-York.—Mr. Livingston appointed receiver.

Bagert vs. *Wells.*—Motion for judgment on account or frivolousness of defence in the answer denied without costs.

People ex rel. Cropsey vs. *The Richmond Plank-road Company.*—The motion to quash the mandamus is denied without costs, as the most proper place to move in is in the Second Judicial District, and it is not so clear that the plaintiff is not entitled to a mandamus, that he should not be allowed to raise that question by pleading.

Astor Fire Insurance Company vs. *Cropsy.*—Order as to surplus moneys settled.

Dunstan vs. *Richards.*—Attachment granted.

Kerrigan vs. *Rey.*—Motion to strike out complaint denied without costs.

LONG ISLAND.

The Sunday Riots—Payment of the Military.

At an adjourned meeting of the Kings County Board of Supervisors, held Tuesday afternoon, Supervisor BERGEN, of the Committee on Accounts, presented a report against paying the Military for services rendered in the city of Brooklyn in June last, during the "Sunday Riots." The amount claimed by the Military is between six and seven thousand dollars, and the following reasons were set forth in the report for not paying the same:

1. Because there is no law making compensation for such services a County charge, or authorizing the Board of Supervisors to audit the same.

2. Because such compensation is probably, though not clearly, either a State charge or a charge on the military fund.

3. Because if such compensation were a County charge, the provisions of the statute would require a separate bill and affidavit from each one of the military men called into service, and would forbid the Board passing the bills for multitudes of individuals in one batch presented.

The report was made the special order for the next meeting.

Clerks of Police and Justices' Courts in Brooklyn.

The Authorities of Brooklyn have passed a law requiring the Clerks in the Police and Justices' Courts to give a bond in the sum of $1,000, with sureties to be approved by the Mayor, as security for the faithful discharge of their duties; also requiring the Clerks to attend at their office from the hours of 9 o'clock in the morning until 12 o'clock, noon, and from 2 until 5 o'clock in the afternoon of each day, Sundays and holidays recognised by law alone excepted; also requiring them to receive and account for all fees, fines and penalties which may accrue in said Courts, and further to keep a book prepared for the purpose, and make a detailed return on the 1st of each month to the Common Council.

The Long Island Bible Society.

This venerable Society held its thirty-ninth annual meeting in Hempstead, on Thursday last. The Corresponding Secretary, Rev. N. C. LOCKE, presented the annual report; Dr. KEESE made an address; "Father GREEN," who is in his ninety-sixth year, made a few happy remarks, and pronounced the Benediction.

The Society then proceeded to the election of officers for the year ensuing—reflecting most of the old Board—with some few changes. LAURENS REEVE, Esq., of Jamaica, was unanimously elected President, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of the lamented Dr. GOLDSMITH. It was resolved, in future, to hold the annual meeting in October, instead of December, which is usually an inclement season.

☞ JAMES BEARD, a fireman, was brought up before Justice SMITH on Tuesday afternoon on a charge of committing an assault and battery upon WILLIAM DEVEREX, fireman of Engine Company No. 18. The accused waived an examination and was held to answer at a higher Court.

ARREST OF ANOTHER OF THE TOWNSEND GANG IN CANADA.—The Hamilton (C. W.) *Reform Banner* chronicles the arrest of another of the TOWNSEND gang. His name is GEORGE DEAN, and he was captured in the town of Saltfleet, after committed a robbery in that township. DEAN confessed to being one of the infamous TOWNSEND gang, who ruthlessly murdered poor NELLES Isley, at Cayuga, adding robbery to the bloody deed. He says he was one of the three who stood outside of the house while the robbery and the murder were being committed inside. This makes two that have been captured.

CONCLUSION OF THE ISRAEL TRIAL.

MOTION FOR A NEW TRIAL OVERRULED.

STATEMENT OF THE PRISONER.

THE SENTENCE OF DEATH.

The Commercial Times gives the scene in the Court room upon the conclusion of the verdict against the informal machine man. It says:

A little after 8 o'clock in the evening the Court room was again opened to spectators, a large crowd of whom were in waiting. Even the seats reserved for the benefit of the fair sex were soon filled with ladies. Inside the bar it was soon known that a verdict had been agreed upon. What it was, was not known, but it was easily guessed at. Early verdicts are always against the prisoners, was whispered in more than one ear, and the general expectation was against the accused. A solemn anxiety was depicted on every countenance, a dread wish to hear the few words upon which the life of a fellow-being depended.

With the jury, the prisoner was brought into Court, and for the first time during his trial, was placed upon the prisoner's bench. He folded his hands and turned his eyes to the jury. We had a fair view of his countenance. It was sorrowful, deeply traced with care, yet fixed. An occasional deep drawn sigh, and a nervous twitching of the fingers, were the only signs of emotion. Yet his appearance seemed pitiful. He seemed to feel his fate!

Utter silence prevailed as the foreman arose and pronounced the sealed verdict to the Court. It was opened and read:

"We, the jury, find the defendant WILLIAM ADAMSON *Guilty of murder in the first degree*, as charged in the indictment."

When it was read there was a more among the spectators, as if disposed to applaud. One man said rather loudly, "That is right!" but the prompt call of the Deputy-Sheriff for order was instantly obeyed. The announcement made no change in the prisoner's countenance; a deep drawn sigh was his only response. A young lady sitting by the side of Judge FLINN burst into tears, and even his Honor seemed much affected. Desirous of sparing the prisoner's feelings as much as possible, Deputy-Sheriff HIGDON gave him a seat behind the Sheriff's desk, where he was free from the gaze of the spectators, which was fixed upon him.

We have mentioned that when the verdict was rendered, a young lady burst into tears. Soon after, she seated herself beside the prisoner and engaged in close conversation with him, during which tears flowed freely down her cheeks. We understand that during his residence here last Summer he paid his addresses to this young lady. She was subpoenaed by the State to testify against the prisoner, but took the summons so much to heart that *Mr. PRUDEN*, the prosecuting Attorney, agreed not to call her as a witness. We are not aware what the prosecution expected to prove by her, but suppose it was nothing of great moment. She had been in constant attendance during the trial, manifesting a great interest in the proceedings. She continued in close conversation with the prisoner until he was taken from the court-room.

The prisoner was escorted back to jail about 7 o'clock. Instead of conducting him to his old quarters, Jailor McLEAN took him to what is known as the Fatal or Murderer's Room. It is called the Murderer's Room from the fact that persons convicted of murder in the first degree have always been confined in that apartment, and the Fatal Room from the fact that every inmate of the apartment so convicted, has suffered the full penalty of the law.

The prisoner had but little to say. As soon as he was taken into the room, Jailor McLEAN informed him that he had an unpleasant duty to perform—that he must strip him and examine his clothing. The prisoner made no objection, but immediately changed every article of clothing, putting on those furnished by the jailor. Those he took off were taken possession of by Mr. McLEAN, who searched them. The prisoner requested the jailor to burn some papers in his pocket-book, which was done in his presence. At an early hour he drew himself upon his bed, and overcome, was soon asleep.

From the Cincinnati Columbian, Dec. 25.

At the conclusion of the argument for a new trial advanced by the prisoner's counsel, Judge FLINN took the case under advisement until Saturday morning. Mr. PRUDEN, on the part of the State, having declined to reply, at 10½ o'clock, his Honor took his seat upon the bench, and proceeded to review the argument. He referred to it as presented by the counsel for the defence on his three several points: 1. That new testimony could be produced in relation to the identity, as further set forth in the affidavit of Mr. GARROOTS, the turnkey of the jail. 2. That the jury had returned verdict contrary to the ruling of Court. 3. That the verdict was contrary to the evidence.

His Honor, in reviewing the case and the argument for a new trial, spoke of the fairness and full opportunities presented for a full and impartial investigation offered by the State, and of the time consumed; which, though it was lengthy, was not at all too much; and concluded by remarking that he had, in face of popular feeling, twice admitted error *in the finding of a Jury impanneled to try cases of* murder in the first degree and overruled verdicts. *His conscience and his heart, fortified* by his understanding of the law, had sustained him; and now, perhaps pronouncing the last decision called from him in his present official capacity, he was still surrounded and sustained by the same honest convictions *and judgment that had heretofore been* his guide.

Mr. DICKINSON gave notice that exceptions would be made to the ruling of the Court.

Judge FLINN said that until Monday 10 o'clock, the Court would be in readiness to entertain the exceptions made by counsel, and hoped they would make them as full and perfect as possible.

WM. ADRISON, the defendant, was then placed in front of the bar and commanded to stand up.

Judge FLINN then proceeded to address the prisoner as follows:

"WILLIAM ADRISON, you were indicted by the Grand Jury, under the first section of the Crimes Act, for the murder of ISAAC ALLISON. The case was submitted to a Jury of your countrymen, and after a patient deliberation, this verdict was rendered. [The Clerk then read the verdict.] Have you anything to say why the Court should not now proceed to sentence you?"

The prisoner replied:

"There are some things I feel need to be said, but whether they would avail me now, I cannot say. I fondly hoped to get a new trial, in order to have time to prove my innocence. I presume it is not the intention in this Hamilton County, to put a man to death without giving me time to prove his innocence, though it is almost the same thing as death to be confined in the Jail. Time to the guilty only goes to confirm their guilt. I am confident that if I had time there are things that could be brought to light that would prove my innocence, notwithstanding the beautiful network of testimony that surrounds me. I did not think until after the trial, that it would be of use to me to prove where I was on the Sunday and Monday before the explosion. If I had time I think I could prove where I was. There is another circumstance. When McCULLOUGH came to the jail to identify me, he says I was standing near the stove. I will state here that I never attempted to keep myself from being seen by any person who was brought to the jail. I was on the platform when McCULLOUGH visited the jail. But this may be of no importance in the case. There are other things I flatter myself I could substantiate. I could prove that I never gave the box to the boys; but whether this would be important or not, I cannot say; but it would prove that one link in this beautiful chain was broken. There are other things I could prove, but, as I before said, I have not had time. I have nothing more to say."

The Judge said that he had fondly hoped that some showing would be made by which he would be relieved of the solemn duties he had to perform, but such was not the case. The trial had been approached by slow steps, and with tearful eyes, but the result left but one course for the Court to pursue. And in view of this being probably his last judicial act, he would say that, if any legal opportunity had been presented him of setting aside the verdict and granting a new trial, he would have been proud to do so. The taking of a life of a fellow man was the saddest of all duties, but the stern dictates of the law must be obeyed. But no good reason having been advanced, the Court must proceed to its painful duty—a duty as painful as the throbs of death itself.

"WILLIAM ADRISON, it is the sentence of the Court that you be taken from hence to the jail of Hamilton County, by the Sheriff, and therein confined until the 17th day of May, 1855, and upon that day, between the hours of 10 o'clock in the morning and 4 in the afternoon, you be taken to the place of execution by the Sheriff, and there and then hanged by the neck until you are dead."

The prisoner continued firm and composed while being sentenced, and remained undisturbed and apparently indifferent. His brother, who stood by his side, trembled from head to foot, and burst into tears.

The long delay allowed by the Court before the execution of the sentence, will give the prisoner and his friends sufficient time to produce any new evidence, if it exists, that may tend to set aside the verdict. No more horrible or revolting murder was ever committed than that of which WILLIAM ADRISON has been convicted.

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Twenty-one Thousand Dollars for Sale—Sent to the Press.

From the Boston Advertiser, Dec. 27.

The savages of the Sandwich Islands, during the past season, have been occasionally alluded to, among other items of foreign intelligence, but we have seen no description of them. We have been permitted by the gentleman to whom it is addressed in this country, to lay before our readers some portion of a private letter from F. W. OWEN, Esq., United States Consul at Messina. It was written without the smallest view to publication, and is now printed without the author's knowledge. We have felt, however, that the public would be

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Congressional.

There were but few Senators in their places yesterday, and there was not much business done. They are said to require relaxation, and seem determined to take it. The House bill giving the consent of Congress to the formation from the State of Massachusetts to the State of New-York, was introduced and passed; and after a reference of some other bills the Senate adjourned until Friday, with an understanding that on that day they would again adjourn until Tuesday next. In the House the Senate bill authorizing the construction of a subterranean telegraph from the Mississippi or Missouri river to the Pacific Ocean, was reported back to the House, with amendments, and referred to the Committee of the Whole. One or two other bills were referred to appropriate Committees, which the Army and General Post-Office bills were passed without debate.

Situation of England.

If Austria has hitherto looked with coldness on the struggle now raging between the despots of Europe, she has found in the last intelligence ample evidence of the prudence and wisdom she displayed in withholding intimate her sympathy and aspirations. The more we review and reflect on the treaty said to be entered between Austria and the Western Powers, and of which we have already expressed our earliest impressions, the more we are struck with that strange fatuity, which, let us hope for some wise purpose, appears to direct the councils and the movements of the Western Powers. The old and truthful adage, "*Quem deus vult perdere prius dementat,*" has surely if ever found an illustration in that madness which has driven England *with her known feelings*,—feelings which have found at last *avowed* expression in this new offspring of diplomacy—to change her position, as first assumed, of the protector of the liberties of Turkey, into that recently adopted, of the enemy of the Russian Czar. Those who know the feelings which silently worked at the heart of England's councils in entering on this war, can hardly listen without a smile to this pompous pretension, which would hold England up as a young giant of liberty, battling to crush the despotism of Russia. The present Government of England, or, at all events, the great majority of them, were from the start opposed, by their hereditary principles, sympathies and interests to this war; and it was not until the eleventh hour that "half consenting they consented" to yield to that tide of popular feeling which swelled outside and forced them in. So far from looking on the Czar as the tyrant despot, which it is now the fashion to represent him, Lord ABERDEEN, the chief of the British Government, has over and over again held him up to the gratitude of Europe as its saviour from anarchy and disorder, and the most powerful barrier against those occasional great uprisings of the popular heart. These feelings have been shared and expressed by nearly every member of the present Government of England, and repeatedly by Lord LYNDHURST, who it appears has consented to quit his retirement and take down once more his brilliant spear to give battle to the Czar. It is indeed patent to the least keen observer that the British Government was reluctantly "driven," to use the Foreign Secretary's own words, into this war, by her new ally of France, to whom war is a necessity, war with Russia a revenge, and by that generous impulse of the English people, (for the impulses of all peoples are generous,) artfully worked on for their own purposes by the opposition, which revolted against a poor, weak ally being trampled on by a rude and arrogant power.

Having entered on this war *with such feelings*, it was inconsistent with the interest of England and with the relation she bore to the differences between Russia and Turkey, to have invaded the Crimea at all. Turkey never counseled the expedition. The occupation of the Principalities was the cause of war, their evacuation should have been its close. Looking over the graves of so many brave men, whose deeds of heroism, however misapplied, leave so noble a memory behind, we have no desire to dwell upon the imbecility which marks the whole Crimean Campaign, whether looked on in a military or political point of view. What we wish to point out is, that from the hour that England abandoned her first position of defender of the rights of Turkey, and assumed the bolder and more daring attitude of striking down the despotism of Russia, from that hour she gathered round her standard the sympathies *of the people of Europe*—sympathies which grew more eager and intense as the attitude became more bold and daring, and as she appeared to devotion to this object, determine all those feelings which must have made painfully ungrateful to a country with England in alliance with one whom Prussia regards as a despot, and she herself, whatever may be the outward bearing, inwardly matches as a perjurer and usurper. Those sympathies of the people grew around that third standard not alone because Siberia is a place which wants *of* terror, and the Czar and Kiroff are held in a death's hatred and execration in every house of Central Europe, but because they felt that every blow which split the neighboring despotism of Russia must make Austria reel, and that the invasion of the Crimea could not possibly be intended as an act of individual animosity against the Czar, but as a giant stroke deliberately aimed at the heart of that despotism of which the Czar is the incarnation and Russia the throne. It was not without some apprehensions and misgivings that the people of Europe saw England stand forth in this new character of champion of liberty, to which her old traditions, her bearing in the last war, and her own oppressions, where she had the power, offered so strange a contrast. Peoples, however, are ever confiding, and love to adopt those views which nearest tally with the sympathies of their own hearts. The huge facts of the invasion of the Crimea, and the unnatural alliance with France were raised up before them, and they bowed down and believed. In this moral strength England and France had a fountain from which they might have drawn strength and unlimited replenishment to maintain their ground against Russia, were the forces threefold the number they are represented to be.

The new Treaty, however, if it really be a thing of life, has given a death-blow to the sympathies of Europe. For ourselves, we have never shared the opinion held by many, that Lord PALMERSTON was a friend to the liberties of Europe. We know that by those who have bled and suffered and sacrificed for freedom, he is held in unmitigated distrust. On occasions where it suited English party objects, he has uttered high sounding words in praise of European Freedom, but in the hour of its struggles he never lent it a hand. He belongs to a profession and class in whom the people should be slow to trust. Diplomacy is not a profession which enlarges the mind or ennobles men's impulses; nor is the English aristocracy distinguished for a love of freedom. We confess, however, we could have hardly believed that two such wily statesmen, two such veterans as PALMERSTON and LOUIS NAPOLEON would, after a fortnight's incubation, have brought forth so ridiculous a mouse. A treaty forsooth in which England and France guarantee to Austria *everything* and receive in return—a HAPSBURG *promise!* And for this has been sold the sympathy of the people of every land! The people of Europe hate Austria more than Russia, because Austria's population being civilized and entitled to enjoy freedom, feel the chain of despotism gall them the more deeply. The idea of England and France being the enemies of despotism has, at all events, been now fairly disposed of. To protest against despotism in Russia and uphold it in Austria were too irreconcilable a position for even the Allies to assume. With the people themselves the struggle, if it comes, must rest. They, too, must have an alliance,—an alliance against Despotism, whether throned on the Danube or Vistula, on the Seine or Thames.

Gen. Cazneau's Treaty and the Dominican Republic.

Next to Cuba the largest of the West India islands is Hayti, and just now it occupies the public attention more completely than any of them, except that Queen of the Antilles. For several years American diplomacy has been bothered by its inhabitants;—it seems by the terms of a treaty lately promulgated, that our long efforts promise at last, faintly, perhaps, to be crowned with success.

Sympathy with all men under the sun who profess an attachment to republican principles, has always been the weakness in which Yankees especially glory. Had the population of Hayti been covered by Providence with a skin less generously colored, with thinner lips, and hair that never kinked, Hayti would long ago have experienced the embraces of American hospitality, her independence been acknowledged, and her liberties fanning themselves under the Ægis of our extraordinary protection. But "blood will tell," and it was not to be expected that the black blood of a Haytien republican should be permitted to warm in the veins of any representative to Washington. African blood prevented the recognition of Haytien independence of old. African blood takes away the possibility of Hayti's ever being annexed as a sovereign State in our Union, and it will be—more than all, our timorous conservatism, dread of additional State Senators, or suspicion of weakening our Confederacy by spreading it too far around the globe,—the *color* of the Sandwich islanders fiebly suggesting to the ignorant the possibility of African blood that may yet reject the treaty of annexation, which even now, doubtless, is speeding as rapidly as steam can urge it, across ocean and isthmus, between the Hawaiian islands and the United States.

Cuba is impudent, however. It is exceedingly annoying to have our United States mails subject to the impertinent restraints of Cuban officials, and our steamers obliged to "coal up" at Havana, or nowhere in all the archipelago. Moreover, it is not forgotten how France, three years since, suddenly arranged for the occupancy of the peninsula of Samana. There being bidders about, it is not strange that our Government should think it best to make a bid for the privileges of the island, even though the Haytien is a negro; and though from the mulatto of Dominica, he be bleached never so long, the tajat of African blood will not out.

Hayti, as all readers will remember, has at present two distinct Governments ruling over its territory. FAUSTIN the First is Emperor over the western 11,000 square miles. A negro of great pretensions but exceedingly small abilities. While the Dominican Republic, that embraces the eastern 19,000 square miles of the island, acknowledges the Presidency of SANTANA, a white man, of Yankee sympathies and predilections. Politics are not a one-sided affair in the Dominican Republic any more than here, and the opposition to SANTANA acknowledges the powerful leadership of BAEZ, a cunning and Jesuitical mulatto, who is supposed to be thoroughly French in his fancies, and quite hopeless of his countrymen.

Treaties of friendship always make pleasant reading, unless they are too long winded. We are indebted to the last we have read to a cotemporary, which publishes one signed *Ministers* TAZEWELL and BIDDLE, for the Dominican Republic, and by WILLIAM H. CARNEAU on the part of the United States. This treaty, as yet, has not received the sanction of our own Senate, neither does it enjoy that of the Dominican Legislature. It contains thirty articles, and is long enough to have settled graver differences between first-class Powers. The treaty is one of amity. It is as safe for us as the arrangement would have been to the iron pot that sought to enter into partnership with the earthern one that ÆSOP saw floating down a stream. The mutual arrangements of the powers remind us of the lion and the lamb who agreed that whatever else should happen, the grass on their mutual premises should be inviolable,—yea, though they should come to hate, to tear and devour each other, their grass plots should be sacred. The articles stipulate very properly that each shall enjoy like rights and the rights of the citizens of their several countries wherever they are. Thus, a Dominican may live in Charleston and hold property there and in all respects act like a South Carolinian, except in the matter of voting and holding office. There is a very pleasant interchange of consuls arranged for also—with this remarkable exception, however, that each of the contracting parties *shall be at liberty to except those ports and places in which the admission and residence of Consuls, Vice Consuls, or Commercial Agents may not appear convenient.* This clause, which saves such ports as may be tender on that point, the annoyance of colored Consuls among them, is the sop which the Cerberus of the South ought to be satisfied with. It is said that upon this very point the President and the Legislature of the Republic are at issue. When Mr. WEBSTER was instructing our Minister Extraordinary to Hayti, (Mr. R. M. WALSH,) how to manipulate to secure peace between the belligerents that three years ago threatened to exterminate each other on the island, he authorized him to say that "any agents they might appoint *not of African extraction* would be gladly received;" and he instructed Mr. WALSH moreover, to assure the Haytien authorities that in such terms there was nothing which *should* offend their just pride;—from which it is evident that the provision is not one that was lightly introduced.

The treaty provides amply for the surrender and delivery of criminals, among which it includes specifically the "forgers or falsifiers of documents," and "public agents or salaried persons who abuse confidence." Very liberal terms are secured to persons of both nations who engage in navigation. The advantages would be equal were the commerce of the two equal. As it is not, we, perhaps, should not complain if they are satisfied. They have long been accustomed to hard bargains, and very likely would be surprised at anything more liberal. The terms of the treaty provide for its extension over the period of twelve years from its ratification, or until one year after a definite intention with reference to it has been signified by one of the parties. It bears date Oct. 8, 1854. It strikes us as quite doubtful whether it will be ratified within the ten months which are recommended in its thirtieth article as the limit of time that should be allowed to expire before it is made a law between us. For, as readers will remember that we published some five weeks since, although the Dominicans were well enough disposed, the dusky SOULOUQUE, *alias* Faustin the First, sent down his threats that he would let loose upon his ancient enemies his 22,000 soldiers to harass them if they signed it; and the French and English Consuls on the 7th of September united to protest against it. On the 17th of November Gen. CAZNEAU protested with dignity and firmness against their consular interference. The prospects of the ratification of the treaty then are not *very* flattering at present. Here, the South will hardly be appeased by its 19th section, since it recognizes negro Dominicans as being quite as good as white Americans. There, the Legislature is to be coaxed out of its most cherished doctrine of "consuls of *any* color to *any* port," while France and England stand and whisper mischief into each ear, and FAUSTIN threatens a new war. Happy as the treaty would make us, we doubt if Gen CAZNEAU's mission is yet accomplished.

"Political Mechanics."

In another column will be found letters from two of the orators at the meeting held in the Park on Friday last, ostensibly to devise means of *relief* for the unemployed and suffering poor of this City. They are written professedly in reply to our strictures on their remarks. We censured them for using an occasion of *charity* for the promulgation of political opinions, and the prosecution of political objects. Instead of exculpating themselves from the charge, both these gentlemen in these very letters, renew the political argument which we had condemned as utterly out of place, in connection with what ought to be a purely benevolent movement. They do not seem to understand that when a man is starving, the best thing that can be done for him is to give him something to eat,—and that his worst enemy is the man who seizes that opportunity to plunge into a discussion of abstract politics or theology, to denounce men who differ from him in opinion, and thus repel the sympathy and the kindness from which alone relief can be expected, and nobody will be guilty of such folly, unless he has some selfish object in view, for which he is willing to sacrifice the interests of the suffering whom he professes to serve. All the points that these gentlemen raise in their letters,—temperance, free trade, nativism, the public lands, &c. &c.,—may be very well discussed at the proper time, but to thrust them into a meeting called to save men, women, and children, *from starvation*, is a flagrant desecration of charity and an outrage to common sense. This is the offence for which we censured their speeches, and their letters show that the censure was not undeserved.

Mr. BUCKMAN is emphatic in his demand of what we mean by "*political mechanics*." We have not the slightest objection to tell him. We mean men who make politics a *trade*;—who seek the favor of mechanics, and clamor loudly in their behalf, for the sake of their political support;—who seek by these means influence over them, not to improve their condition or enlighten their judgment,—but to stimulate their passions and obtain control over their political action;—and whose efforts for mechanics and the poor generally culminate in the pursuit of office *for themselves*. We hold such men to be always the worst enemies of the class which they claim to represent;—and when, under pretext of seeking for them aid under severe and temporary suffering, they play upon their passions and attempt to enlist them in angry political and social collisions with their fellow citizens, we feel it our duty to rebuke and denounce them.

Mr. BUCKMAN starts by declaring our report of his remarks to have been incorrect. For his own sake we hope it was. He either forgets, however, or is unable to deny its accuracy in any particular, and substitutes for such denial an edifying but rather untimely dissertation on the evils of society in general. He winds up, however, with a piece of special pleading, not very creditable to his frankness or his judgment. He says that he did not advise the poor to seize by force the property *of others*, but only their own:—and that the products of their labor *were* their own. That depends altogether on what Mr. BUCKMAN means by the products of labor. If he means the *wages* of labor, he is right. But if he means the aggregate *result* of labor,—the house it builds, the flour it grinds, the coat it makes, &c.,—then he is wrong. And the general train of his remarks showed that this was the construction he put upon it.

We are glad to observe that the mechanics themselves have very generally seen the injurious tendency of such sentiments as those which we have noticed; and that the resolutions adopted at subsequent meetings have disclaimed all sympathy with and responsibility for them.

The Citizen.

We understand that JOHN MITCHEL has withdrawn from *The Citizen*, and from public life. One reason for this step is that his eyesight has been injuriously affected by his labors; and another is the conviction that the extent to which he has been personally identified with the paper has been injurious to its influence and prosperity. He confesses that he has been grievously disappointed in the temper of the American people,—finding them much less disposed than he had imagined, to encourage the free expression of opinion upon all subjects. The *Citizen* lost about *ten thousand* subscribers in consequence of the proclamation of his desire for an "Alabama plantation well stocked with fat negroes;"—and several thousand more followed when he commenced the war upon Archbishop HUGHES. Mr. MITCHEL declares his intention to remain in entire obscurity for at least *four* years. He will still contribute, however, to the *Citizen* mainly on literary topics, and always under his own signature. The paper will be conducted hereafter by Mr. McCLENAHAN, who has been connected with its editorial department from the beginning.

Mud—The Dirt-King.

We feel called on to make a note of the extraordinary depth of the mud in the streets, not by way of rebuking the lazy Commissioner who has the streets in charge, and allows Contractors in these hard times to pocket thousands of the people's money without doing a dollar's good to the public, but simply as a phenomenon and a sign of the corrupt times. Mud yesterday was in Broadway, on an average, four inches deep. In the cross streets and about the wharves, it was incalculable, without lead and line, or a three-fathom rod. On the ladies' dresses it was thick enough to make brocades and bombazines of like color, and patent leathers and cow-hide boots were alike in polish and pretension. The minds of men revert to the golden age of dirt—the days of ARCULARIUS. People would be pleased to see the name of the Official, to whom they are indebted for their present abundant supply of street-dirt, in print that they might honor him as he deserves. Does the worthy gentleman aspire to the notoriety of his predecessor?

Our readers will find on the second page of this Morning's TIMES a very graphic and interesting sketch of the life and career of the Earl of CARDIGAN, who led the British Cavalry in the mad, brilliant and fatal charge at Balaklava. Few among the officers of the British Army are more distinguished in their profession, for military skill and courage than he—and none, we presume, would dispute with him the palm for heartless profligacy and reckless disregard of the rights and decencies of social life.

We are informed that a number of ladies in the Fifth Avenue are making arrangements for a magnificent ball, to be given at the Academy of Music, for the purpose of raising money for the benefit of the suffering poor. The idea is a very good one, and if it is carried out with the energy and skill which we may fairly expect from those who are engaged in getting it up, it cannot fail to be highly successful.

We understand that Gen. JOHN WAYNE DAYTON has been appointed Adjutant General by Governor CLARK. This completes the Governor's military appointments. Gen. D. is a young man of decided ability, thoroughly acquainted with the condition and necessities of the militia service of the State, and admirably qualified, in all respects, for the efficient discharge of the duties of the office.

Amusements.

BURTON'S THEATRE.—In our remarks yesterday about the new comedy of "A Wife's Young Man," we unconsciously wounded the feelings of an amiable lady. We noticed and commented on the imperfectness and want of animation in Mrs. BURTON's performance. We learn now that Mrs. BURTON was not the representative of the character on the preceding night, (the first of the comedy,) in consequence of the devastation of the original. Mrs. BURTON, with the devotion of a wife, threw herself into a gap wherein no mere artistic enthusiasm could have persuaded an actress to plunge. To prevent that bugbear to a manager—a disappointment—she went on the stage that evening on the shortest possible notice, without time to select proper costume, without a rehearsal, and, of course, without a perfect knowledge of the words of the author or the business of the scene.

That Mrs. BURTON managed so well is to us a matter of surprise. Had we known the facts of the case at the time they would have excused many more deficiencies than we observed.

WALLACK'S THEATRE.—A cleverly constructed and ably written drama, in two acts, called "The Sisters," was produced here last night. It is taken from the French, and has been adapted for this establishment by Mr. F. J. O'BRIEN.

Although totally different in every respect, this drama resembles two others of the same school already popular—the "Corsican Brothers" and the "Courier of Lyons," inasmuch as the action of each depends on the mistaken identity of leading characters—the two characters being sustained by the same artist. It requires no ordinary ingenuity to develop a plot of this peculiar and very effective character. When successfully done the drama merits applause. We may safely add "The Sisters" to the two popular dramas mentioned by way of illustration.

Therese, (Miss ROSA BENNETT,) an amiable, honest and beautiful seamstress, is betrothed to *Georges*, (Mr. DYOTT.) He is wealthy; has provided house, furniture, &c., for his future wife, and waits in anxious expectation the hour when he shall make a humble, but loving girl, his wife. Friends drop in, and he introduces them proudly to *Therese*. One of the number, *Ernest Bridoux*, (LESTER,) is startled when he sees her face; he asserts confidently that he has seen her before at the opera; dressed in costly apparel;—that she is in fact the Baroness whom everybody knows. *Ernest* is a giddy fellow, and talks much at random; his story merely provokes a smile. Presently a highly excited individual, *Jules D'Ascony* (STEWART,) introduces himself and demands in a frantic manner, whether *Georges* is the man who expects to marry the Baroness. *Georges* replies that he does not know the Baroness, has never seen her, and as a final assurance tells *Jules* that he is to be immediately married to another lady, *Therese*. *Jules* goes away satisfied. In the meantime *Therese* has donned the wedding garments, and enters radiantly. She has scarcely spoken a few words to her intended when *Jules* returns more fierce than before, sees her, denounces her as the *Baroness de Rosier*, a heartless coquette, a courtesan; plucks the marriage wreath from her brow, she faints, and the curtain descends on the first act.

In the next act we are introduced to the real *Baroness de Rosier* (Miss ROSA BENNETT.) She is as *Jules* described her. With her is a very amusing German Count whom she has succeeded in hooking at the Springs. The occasion is a Masquerade ball, and among the guests are several who know *Therese* and think now with terror that they see her once more in the Baroness. The *German Count* (H. B. PHILLIPS) is excessively annoyed by the peculiar sensation his wife is evidently creating. After awhile *Georges* enters; he is determined to seek in the gay world some respite from his long sorrows, whilst he is cogitating, a Milliner crosses the stage with a new dress for one of the ladies; *Georges* turns round at the sound and is thunderstruck to behold *Therese*. She spurns him from her, and upbraids him for believing the infamous story of her identity with the Baroness, and to rid herself of his supplications escapes. Confused and sad he stands uncertain what to do. Masqueraders enter; a domino speaks to him; he fancies he recognizes the voice; beseeches her to unmask; she will not. Determined to satisfy himself, he plucks away the mask, and beholds the Baroness, or, as he supposes, *Therese*. The German Count immediately resents the insult, draws upon *Georges*, and they cross swords. The Baroness flings herself between the combatants, and in the frenzy is stabbed. In the midst of the confusion, *Therese* reenters. The wounded Baroness is her sister. The mystery is unriddled. Matters are summarily adjusted, and the curtain falls on the conclusion of a really clever plot.

The dialogue is smooth and well distributed, and the dramatist has done his work with ability. Of the acting, we must generalize by saying that we have never seen a piece go so well on a first night. Miss ROSA BENNETT has a splendid part, and distinguished herself more than on any previous occasion. Mr. LESTER, as *Ernest Bridoux*, went through a difficult role with a wonderful amount of animation. In the masquerade scene he wears the costume of a harlequin, and the lightness of head and heel he displays is something marvelous.

The drama has been carefully placed on the stage; the costumes and scenery are all good. It was eminently successful, and was announced for repetition every evening this week amid loud applause.

Musical.

ACADEMY OF MUSIC.—To-night is the Manager's benefit. The encomiums we have so often penned concerning the excellent programme of operas produced here belong mostly to Mr. HACKETT, and indicate how much we are indebted to his enterprise. To-night he should have a bumper. The attraction is of no ordinary kind. For this occasion, DONIZETTI's comic opera of "Don Pasquale" will be produced. The cast is superb—GRISI, MARIO, BADIALI, BOSINI, &c.

Messrs. HALE & SON, the successful music publishers, have just decided to reduce the price of their entire catalogue of copyright music to an average of one-half its former rate, and as far as possible, intend to adapt their new prices to the national decimal currency. Both facts should be widely known, for they are in accordance with the spirit of the times, and will reward their spirited enterprise.

From the Wreck of ship St. Patrick.

The lighter schooners *John G. Rolcke* and *Resolute* arrived yesterday from the wreck of ship *St. Patrick* ashore at Baraqua, and report that the ship was rapidly breaking up when they left, which was on the morning of the 26th inst. She will be a total loss. A portion of her rigging, sails, &c., have been saved and brought to the City by the above schooners. There is but little chance of saving any cargo, as she is going to pieces very fast.

The steamtug *Tiam* left the City at 1 o'clock yesterday morning, having a lighter in tow, for the wreck, but, owing to the dense fog, she did not proceed any farther than the Narrows, where she lay at anchor last night.

The Children of the Poor.

A little work breathing gentleness and kindness to those in sorrow and distress, and inculcating principles of unselfish sympathy among men, entitled "*The New Bond of Love*," has been committed to us by its generous author, for sale for the benefit of the many poor children whom the season unhappily finds destitute and homeless. As the price is so trifling we feel sure that the gentle and the good will avail themselves of an opportunity of combining direct benefit to the poor with indirect its propagating sentiments calculated to inspire charity to others. *The Bond of Love* lies for sale

[illegible] of the sale will be handed to Mr. [illegible] for the use of the Children's Aid Society.

Anniversary of the Ludlow-street School.

On Thursday evening, the Twelfth Anniversary of the Ludlow-street Mission School will be held in the Norfolk-street Baptist Church, between Broome and Grand-streets. This school is not connected with any church, and, as it has done good service, it deserves encouragement. Great efforts have been made to render the exercises both pleasing and instructive, and they should be crowded with a full house. The collection is 25 cents.

☞ The *Crusader* reckons the profits arising from Convents and Nunneries. He thinks they pay their founders a handsome profit. "The dowry of one heiress frequently pays for an establishment and money poors in constantly during the life-time of the Novices' parents." He urges that a tax should be passed appointing inspectors to visit such establishments to make inquisition for any females detained there against their will.

Union Theological Seminary.

The catalogue of the Union Theological Seminary in this City for the ensuing year has been published. The institution now numbers 88 students, of whom 26 are in the senior, 22 in the middle, and 38 in the junior classes; and 2 are resident licentiates. Among the students are 2 from Turkey, 1 from Greece, and 1 from the Choctaw Nation. The Professorship of Church History is vacant.

BUSINESS NOTICES.

FESTIVAL HAT.—THE INTRODUCTION OF NEW Patterns in Gentlemen's Dress Hats for the Annual Festival of Christmas Holidays, has its origin in our firm. The offering for this season (made up of our Standard Hat, and the popular new quality and priced Hat announced in our Quarterly for September, 1854,) is now ready. In this announcement to our customers, we deem it proper to state that every exaggeration and unnecessary boast has carefully excluded, confining ourselves to its production strictly to the acknowledged rules of art.

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Opposite St. Paul's Church.

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NEW-YORK, Dec. 27, 1854.

☞ The Underground Citizens of the Thirteenth Ward (organized) holding a meeting on THURSDAY AFTERNOON, the 28th inst., at Cederbank's Hall, corner of Clinton and Grand-st., at 3 o'clock, for the purpose of effecting a Organization for the relief of the poor, and earnestly invited to be present. Members of the Ward are generally invited to be present.

Dennis B. Crane,	Jas. J. Smith,	W. H. McCoskin,	
John S. Brennan,	Calvin Swenson,	Charles M. Smith,	
Gustavus Swift,	James D. Rosier,	John H. Gardner,	
Jas. Mallory,	J. J. Rosier,	Jas. Gardner,	
John Mallory,	Oliver S. Powell,	James H. Cole,	
Jno. Christopher,	Samuel Atkinson,	Jas. E. Andrews,	
Jno. J. Perry,	John F. Dodd,	James H. Cole,	
Jno. Mandy,	Peter L. Cornell,	Robt. Onderdonk,	
Jno. Farrell,	Stephen Deane,	Saml. Waterman,	
Jno. Mandy, Jr.,	Wm. A. Gibb,	Hiram C. Deane,	
Jno. P. Welsh,	C. H. McAvoy,	H. L. Bryant.	

☞ At an adjourned Meeting of the officers of all the Railroads, held on the 8th of October, 1854, the following resolutions were passed:

Resolved, That all expiration of the term for which Tickets are now out the system will be abrogated, and they will be used as long as any person free over either of the City Railroads.

NICHOLAS DERY, Pres. N. Y. & Harlem Railroad.
BENTON FERRALL, Pres. 8th-av. Railroad.
JOHN A. KENNEDY, Pres. 2d-av. Railroad.
CHARLES CLIBBY, Pres. 6th-av. Railroad.
OLIVER CHARLOCK, 4th-av. Railroad.
J. BARNES, Secretary.

☞ Gifts for the Holidays.—
TREADWELL'S BAKERY AND CONFECTIONERY, 489 Broadway, Tutti Frutti, Jellies, Charlotte D'Russe, Pyramids, Creams, Ices, Confectionery, Bonbons, and a general assortment of small basket cakes.
Wedding Parties, Balls, Suppers, Ornamental Cakes, Fancy Cakes, Pastry, etc., on the shortest notice.
Orders for Ornamental Cake for New-Year, should reach us early.
Sandwiches, TREADWELL'S Home-made or Family Bread, and Cakes of every kind in the City, as it is our study to make good.
JOHN B. TREADWELL,
No. 489 Canal-st., between Mercer and Greene.

☞ American Sentimental Company for Females, Mutual and Legal Protection Against PUBLIC MEETING at Concert Hall, Broadway. The Committee, having with great success perfected the city plot and returned with full information relative to the Society and its results, will hold a meeting on HOLIDAY EVENING, Dec. 28, 1854, at 7½ o'clock, at No. 1 Broadway. The attention of the Committee is invited to a matter of vital importance. This is an unusual opportunity for persons who wish to assist Well Wishers, who seem to be in need of such assistance. Gentlemen are invited to attend. By order of the Board. Organizing Committee.
GEO. WALTER, General Agent.
A. E. JOSLIN, Secretary.

☞ To Ladies and Gentlemen of Wealth and Leisure.—An unknown gentleman has presented the money being held at the disposal of the undersigned, for the benefit of the poor of the world. Hold at the Park, on Sunday, Dec. 31, 1854, at 7½ o'clock, in the Lecture Room of the Chapel, (for the purpose of presenting the plans of the Society, and of receiving from vessel of employment or other cause.

Wm. Chauncey,	Richard Lamb,	L. W. Stevens,
Jonathan Sutton,	Leonard W. Kip,	Isaac C. Parker,
P. C. Schermerhorn,	J. Bowman,	Edward L. Beadle,
	Jas. Grimshaw,	and others.

☞ Western Farm Lands.—A public meeting of the Association will be held on THURSDAY EVENING, Dec. 28, at 7½ o'clock, at No. 128 Bowery. All persons desirous of emigrating to the West are particularly invited to attend. Also, all persons of the Committee, which cannot fail to encourage persons to join the League. Members, and those who have obtained our warrants, are entitled to be present at this meeting.
T. W. FIELD, President.

☞ The Annual Meeting of the members of the Mercantile Library Association will be held in the Lecture Room of Clinton Hall, Astor-place, on TUESDAY EVENING, Jan. 2, 1855, at 8 o'clock. The election for officers of the Association for the ensuing year, will be held in the Library Building, on TUESDAY, Jan. 16. The polls will be opened at 3 P. M., and close at 6 P. M. By order of the Board.
HENRY A. THOMAS,
Recording Secretary, pro tem.

☞ Dr. Hunt's Compound Syrup of Yellow Dock and Iodine, for Scrofula, Salt Rheum, Ulcers, Blotches, Pimples, Tumors, Boils, and all diseases arising from an impure state of the blood. Prepared by Dr. C. HUNT, the inventor, and sold by C. H. RING, No. 189 Broadway, New-York, sole general agent. Quart bottles, price $1.

☞ Mercantile Library Scientific Lectures.—Prof. MUNN'S Course of Lectures, will deliver a lecture at Clinton Hall on THURSDAY EVENING at 8 o'clock on the subject of meteorology in the Government Books of Glass, or Use of an Universal Preservative in the Mechanical World. Tickets 25 cents.

DOUGLAS LEFTINGWELL,
FRANK W. HALLAND, } Lecture
JOHN CHERAR, } Committee.

☞ Dyer Wear False Hair.—I will send a (all regular) to make an article for forming the whiskers or hair to grow thick and heavy, in two months at the lowest, for $1, or three for $2. Ladies' Hair Ornaments, Ladies' Hair Jewelry, made to order, and for sale, will pay a commission of 200 to 300 per cent. Moustaches and whiskers dyed, and in eight weeks; hair in twelve to sixteen.
ROBT. THURBER,
New-York City.

☞ Merchants' Society, Instituted 1834.—FIRST COURSE—Commencing on Tuesday, Dec. 26, 1854, at 7½ o'clock, at the Lecture Room, Corner of Grand and Ludlow-sts. Subject—The Pre-Slavery Testimony of Mr. Harrison (Continued Cross-examined. Admission 25 cents.

Jan. 16.—Rev. THOMAS SCARR.
Jan. 23.—JAMES T. HEADY, Esq.
J. A. BUNNING, Secretary.

☞ Post-Office, New-York, Dec. 15, 1854.—Sealed proposals will be received at this office until the 1st of January next, for the conveyance of the Mails on the following routes, which will be opened on the 1st day of January, 1855, at 12 o'clock, M., when and where the bidders are requested to be present.
JAMES LAWRENCE POWELL, Postmaster.

☞ Notice.—Stockholders of the Bowery Street Railroad Company, No. 1, 1854, Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the Stockholders will be held at the Office of the Company, No. 1 Bowery, on TUESDAY, Jan. 2, 1855, between the hours of 10 and 12 o'clock, A. M., when and where the following Trustees will be elected for the ensuing year:
JOHN STEVENS, President.

☞ Sixth Anti-Slavery Lecture.—At the Tabernacle, TUESDAY EVENING, Jan. 2, at 7½ o'clock, by Rev. HENRY W. BELLOWS. Subject—The Pro-Slavery Testimony of Mr. Harrison (Continued Cross-examined. Admission 25 cents.

☞ German Lectures.—The third of the series of lectures will be delivered by A. ROBINE at Hope Chapel, No. 718 Broadway, on THURSDAY EVENING, Dec. 28, at 8 o'clock. Subject—Die Temperenz Frage. Tickets for the remaining lectures of the course, $1; single tickets, 25 cts.

☞ The Anniversary of the Orphans' Home of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in New-York, will be celebrated in Calvary Church, in this City, THIS (Thursday) EVENING, Dec. 28. The services will commence at 7½ o'clock.

☞ Special Notice.—All those who desire work visiting from the undersigned for lots at Mount Vernon before Jan. 1 will leave their names and the number of lot at J. VAN NORDEN, No. 81 Fulton-st., today, or tomorrow, or send post paid to Mount Vernon.
JOHN STEVENS.

☞ The First Anniversary of Holy Innocents' Church and School, 30th-st. near 6th-av., will be held on TUESDAY, Dec. 26, at 4 P. M. The address will be by Rev. Jno. McVicker, D.D. A collection will be made in aid of the charities of the church.

☞ A Place to Visit during the Holidays.—Take in the whole of the CRYSTAL PALACE. It is full good for big individuals. We understand it is still open to the public, at a small charge. Go and see it.

☞ Thanks to Butchers and Bakers.—Monday next, Jan. 1, 1855, being observed as a general holiday, the days for cash sales day for cattle at the Washington Drove-yard will be on TUESDAY, Jan. 2.

PERSONAL.

☞ CAPTAIN HENRY POWELL FRYER.—If the widow of the late Captain Henry Powell Fryer, of this city, will call at No. 6 Beach-st., she will hear of something to her advantage. Should this notice be seen by any person who can give information regarding either, it will be equally serviceable. J. F. FOSTER, ELLIOT & CO., No. 2 Wall-st.

FOR THE HOLIDAYS.

WINES, BRANDIES, IRISH AND SCOTCH WHISKEYS,
OF SUPERIOR QUALITY.
LONDON AND PHILADELPHIA PORTER, SCOTCH, BURTON AND PHILADELPHIA ALES.
Of most Popular Brands.
CHAMPAGNE CIDER,
In quantities to suit purchasers, at moderate prices. Terms cash.
N. B.—Champagne Wines, Cordials, Liquors, Cigars, &c.
JOHN J. STAFF,
No. 80 Beekman, corner of Anthony-st.

PLATED WARE AND FANCY GOODS FOR THE HOLIDAYS.
The subscriber invites the attention of buyers to his extensive assortment of PLATED WARE, consisting of URNS, TEA KETTLES, TEA SETS, CASTORS, CAKE BASKETS, FRUIT STANDS, &c. Also, IVORY HANDLE TABLE CUTLERY, PLATED ON GERMAN SILVER FORKS AND SPOONS.
FINE WATCHES and JEWELRY in great variety.
HIRAM YOUNG, No. 19 Maiden-lane.

HOLIDAY PRESENTS.
The subscriber invites the attention of the public to his splendid and new stock of
JEWELRY, WATCHES AND DIAMONDS,
at the lowest prices.
PHILIP UNBACH, (Successor to David Bell,)
No. 281 Broadway, corner of White-st., up stairs.

GREAT CONFECTIONERY ESTABLISHMENT.
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL.
HENRY MAILLARD, No. 491 BROADWAY.
50,000 French Chestnuts, iced in Sugar, (Marron Glacee, or stuffed, (Dignide)—prepared in the most delicious manner. Also a large assortment of Superior Confectionery, and an invoice of Paris Fancy Boxes, Baskets, Toys, &c., &c., are now on exhibition. Admission free.

SPECIAL HOLIDAY NOTICE!
TREMENDOUS REDUCTION FROM FORMER PRICES,
TO CLOSE THE BUSINESS OF THE YEAR.
LORD & TAYLOR
will continue the closing sales of their immense stock
AT BOTH STORES,
until SATURDAY, Dec. 30,
EXTRAORDINARY BARGAINS
will be offered in
RICH PLAID AND STRIPED SILKS, cheap and beautiful.
VERY RICH DRESS SILKS, latest Paris styles.
SUPERB WHITE, PINK AND BLUE BROCADES AND SATINS, suitable for evening dresses.
FRENCH MERINOES AND CASHMERES, every color and quality.
PARIS AND MANCHESTER PRINTS.
BRILLIANT CASHMERE AND SCOTCH WOOLEN PLAIDS.
ENGLISH MERINOES, MOUR DE LAINES, AND PRINTED CASHMERES.
ENGLISH, WELSH AND PRINTED FLANNELS.
LINENS OF EVERY DESCRIPTION, TABLE CLOTHS, NAPKINS, &c., &c.
ALSO,
CLOAKS AND MANTILLAS OF CLOTH, VELVET, AND OTHER MATERIALS, superbly trimmed and of the most approved designs.
BLACK AND COLORED SATINS AND LYONS SILK VELVETS, every width and quality for cloaks.
LYONS AND VIENNA BROCHE LONG AND SQUARE SHAWLS; a most recherche pattern.
MERINO, CASHMERE, AND EVERY OTHER DESCRIPTION OF SHAWLS.
TOGETHER WITH A VERY LARGE ASSORTMENT OF HOSIERY, GLOVES, RIBBONS, EMBROIDERIES, LACES, &c., &c.
LORD & TAYLOR, Nos. 255, 257, 259 and 261 Grand-st. and new Nos. 47 and 49 Catharine-st.

HOLIDAY LIST OF BOOKS.
D. APPLETON & CO., Nos. 346 and 348 BROADWAY,
HAVE NOW READY
THEIR CATALOGUE OF ELEGANT ILLUSTRATED AND STANDARD BOOKS,
ADAPTED FOR
CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S PRESENTS, THE DRAWING-ROOM TABLE, &c.
It will be found to be a most rich and appropriate. An early selection of Christmas and New Year's Presents will insure a good choice. Never before have such desirable books for Christmas presents been published.

HOLIDAY PRESENTS.
JACKSON & MANY
Invite their friends and the public to call and examine their large and elegant assortment of
WATCHES, RICH JEWELRY,
SILVER WARE, SILVER-PLATED SETS, URNS, PITCHERS, FRUIT STANDS, CAKE BASKETS, GOBLETS, SPOONS, &c.
Which they are retailing at remarkably low prices to suit the times.
JACKSON & MANY,
No. 180 Bowery, cor. Broome-st.

PRESENTS FOR THE HOLIDAYS.
ILLUSTRATED BOOKS IN SPLENDID BINDINGS, embracing Ancient and Modern Authors.
ANNUALS, ALBUMS, JUVENILE BOOKS.
FANCY ARTICLES.
Writing Desks, Pocketbooks, Amusing Games, Gold Pencils and Gold Pens, Backgammon Boards, &c.
T. J. CROWEN, No. 389 Broadway, corner 42d-st.

GIFT BOOKS FOR THE HOLIDAYS.
ANNUALS, STANDARD POETS, BIBLES, TESTAMENTS.
PRAYER BOOKS, &c., &c., elegantly bound.
JUVENILES, in endless variety.
DIARIES FOR 1855—Eleven different sizes, in various bindings, our editions, the most complete series published.
GAME $2 of various kinds.
Wholesal retail by
KIGGINS & KELLOGG, No. 22 John-st.

HOLIDAY PRESENTS—No. 96 Fulton-st.
FANCY STATIONERY, Writing Desks, (a great variety for ladies and gentlemen,) Card Cases, Porte-monnaies, Tablets, Port Folios, Dressing Cases, Ladies' Reticules, &c., &c. For sale by
SLOTE & PATCHEN,
No. 96 Fulton-st., near William.

GIFTS FOR THE HOLIDAYS.—The subscriber having imported most extensively in anticipation of the prosperous holidays, NOW AND AFTER DURING THE PRESENT HARD TIMES, has resolved upon making an immense reduction in the prices of his present magnificent stock of
CLOAKS, SHAWLS AND FURS,
commencing on MONDAY, the 18th of December, preferring this course to carrying over a stock in store next season. Parties, therefore, desirous of making purchases for Presents, have now an opportunity of selecting from one of the richest and most extensive stocks in the City, at unprecedented bargains.

FURS.	
Beautiful sets of Sable Mink, at	$15 to $20
Beautiful sets of Stone Martens	16 to 22
Splendid sets of Hudson's Bay Sable	40 to 60
Splendid sets of very rich and dark	75 to 100
Splendid sets of Mountain Martens	8 to 10
Splendid sets of Siberian Squirrels	8 to 12
Splendid sets of Canadian Sable	10 to 12
Splendid sets of Pine Martens	12 to 14
Magnificent sets of real Ermine	20 to 30
Magnificent sets of Chinchilla	30 to 40
Magnificent sets of Kolinsky	30 to 45
Exquisite real Sable Capes (very large)	100 to 150
Exquisite real Chinchilla	70 to 100
Exquisite real Stone Martens	100 to 150
Exquisite real Hudson's Bay Sable	120 to 150
Exquisite real Russian Sable	150 to 200

CLOAKS.	
Very good and fine Ladies' Cloth	$10 and $12
Superior and fine Ladies' Cloth	14 and 16
Splendid and fine Ladies' Cloth	18 and 21
Very rich Velvet and Velvet Ladies' Cloth	25 to 30
Velvet Cloaks, (very best Lyons)	25 to 30
Superb Cloaks, (very best Lyons)	35 and 40
Magnificent Cloaks, (the richest of the season)	40 to 50
Very rich Satin Cloaks	25 and 30
Very rich Moire Antique	30 to 35

SHAWLS.
Being determined, if possible, to effect a total clearance of our present stock of Shawls, the prices are as follows:

Excellent all-wool Broche Long Shawls	$10 and $12
Excellent all-wool Broche Long Shawls	12 and 15
Superb Cheney Lyons Square Shawls	12 and 14
Superb Cheney Lyons Long Shawls	20 and 25
Magnificent Cheney Lyons Long Shawls (very fine)	25 and 30
Splendid and fine specimens of India Cashmere Hair Delhi, Deccan and Persian Needle-work Shawls, imported expressly for the occasion, at a similar reduction.

A simple inspection of the above-named articles, and a comparison of the quality and price, is respectfully solicited.
GEO. BULPIN, Importer of the Paris Mantilla Emporium, No. 261 Broadway.

GIFT BOOKS, ANNUALS, &c.—The largest assortment of Annuals, Albums, Gift Books, Juvenile and Miscellaneous Books, and Rosewood Work Boxes, Ladies' and Gentlemen's Dressing Cases, Card Receivers, Pearl and Ivory Cases, Souvenirs, Pocketbooks and Pocket Books, Dressing Morocco Pocketbooks, Photograph Albums, Portfolio Presses and Portfolios, Gold Pens, Gold Pencils, Ink Stands, Inkstands, Paper Weights, Ink Trays, and every other article of fine stationery, Paper Envelopes, &c.

HOLIDAYS.—GOLD WATCHES AND SILVER WARE, together with a rich assortment of DIAMONDS and all kinds of fine Gold Jewelry.
GOLD LEPINE, four holes jewelled
GOLD WATCHES, from
SILVER WATCHES, from
PLATED TEA SETS, double plated
PLATED CAKE BASKETS
All our goods are warranted to be as represented.
SQUIRE, LANDIS & CO., No. 97 Fulton-st., N. Y.

PICKLED OYSTERS FOR NEW-YEAR'S DAY.—I can furnish the best Pickled Oysters in the City of New-York. Please give in your orders early. Oysters sent to any part of the City or Adjacent. N. B.—Also furnish good turkeys ornamented.
THOS. DOWNING, No. 3 Broad-st.

JEWELRY FOR THE HOLIDAYS.—A. G. BAGLEY would respectfully inform his friends and the public that he has taken the store formerly occupied by E. B. Ward, No. 221 Broadway, and having added largely to the stock, comprising the newest patterns and latest styles, flatters himself that he can suit at prices satisfactory to all who may favor him with a call.

HOLIDAY GIFTS.—FRANCIS & LOUTREL, No. 19 Maiden-lane, offer a large variety of useful articles, Diaries and Daily Journals for 1855, Writing Desks, Ladies' Reticules, Gold Pens, Card Cases, Portmonnaies, Pocketbooks, Cards, Chessmen, Paper Weights, Ink Trays, and every style of fine stationery, Paper Envelopes, &c.

USEFUL HOLIDAY PRESENTS THESE HARD TIMES.—Rich velvet cloaks, warranted all silk, at 20 dollars; rich satin cloaks, in all the new styles, at 12 to 20 dollars; rich moire antique and velvet, at 20 to 25 dollars; rich moire antique trimmed velvet, at 25 to 30 dollars; cloth, in all colors and colors, 8 to 15 dollars. Marked down to close out the balance of the fall and winter.
MOLYNEUX BELL, No. 63 Canal-st.

HOLIDAY PRESENTS.—C. CHAMBERS, No. 289 Broadway, near Reade, has on hand for the Holidays a new and extensive assortment of ladies' caps, ladies' infants', children's and ladies' wrappers, and robes de chambre, in great variety and style. All will be pleased at the times.

BEAUTIFUL AND APPROPRIATE HOLIDAY PRESENT.—A large assortment of richly full cut, of the celebrated Cologne, which we recommend to WILLIAM H. POOLE, No. 97 Nassau-st., next to the post-office, and 397 Broadway.

FOR THE HOLIDAYS.

HOLIDAY GIFTS.
NEW JEWELRY FROM PARIS—By the Ocean Queen. All of the latest Fashions, viz.:
LADIES' GOLD SETS,
EAR-RINGS,
PINS AND BRACELETS,
GOLD WATCHES,
GOLD EAR-RINGS,
GOLD PINS,
GOLD BRACELETS,
GOLD LOCKETS,
GOLD GUARD-CHAINS,
GOLD SLEEVE BUTTONS,
GOLD CHATELAINE CHAINS,
GOLD VEST CHAINS,
GOLD FOB CHAINS,
GOLD WEDDING RINGS,
GOLD GUARD KEYS,
GOLD FOB KEYS,
GOLD VEST SEALS,
GOLD FOB SEALS,
GOLD STUDS,
GOLD CROSSES,
DIAMOND CROSSES,
DIAMOND PINS,
DIAMOND FINGER RINGS,
DIAMOND EAR-RINGS,
DIAMOND BRACELETS,
DIAMOND STUDS,
and an extensive assortment of every description of Jewelry at
281—BROADWAY—281.
MARCHAND, Ac., GUILLEMOT & CO.,
(Late Marcel Jerry & Guimo,)
Fabricants, Joailliers, Bijoutiers, Orfevres,
Maison à Paris,
New-York.

RICH HOLIDAY GIFTS
AT REDUCED PRICES.
WATCHES, DIAMONDS, JEWELRY AND SILVERWARE,
CHEAPER THAN ANY OTHER HOUSE.
GENTS' GOLD and SILVER WATCHES of every description.
LADIES' GOLD, ENAMELLED and DIAMOND WATCHES—warranted.
GENTS' GOLD, FOB, VEST and GUARD CHAINS, KEYS and SEALS.
LADIES' GOLD CHATELAINE, NECK and GUARD CHAINS, KEYS and CHARMS.
FINE GOLD BRACELETS, PINS, EAR-RINGS, LOCKETS, CROSSES, FINGER-RINGS, &c.;
DIAMOND PINS, RINGS, BRACELETS—in great variety, very low.
SILVER SPOONS, FORKS, KNIVES, CUPS, NAPKIN-RINGS, FRUIT-KNIVES, &c.
HOLIDAY GIFTS IN GREAT VARIETY.
GEORGE C. ALLEN, Importer,
Wholesale and Retail, No. 11 Wall-st.,
near Broadway, 2d floor.
N. B.—Open on Christmas and New-Year's.

PLATED COFFEE URNS AND KETTLES, FOR SALE BY
HIRAM YOUNG,
No. 19 Maiden-lane.

HOLIDAY GIFTS.—BIGLER, No. 501 Broadway, four doors above Anthony-st., and nearly opposite Jennings', offers his newly imported stock of rich fancy articles, elegant books, games, chess boards, playing cards, juvenile and toy books, metallic vases, and papers, at lower prices than any other house in the City. He has nothing but genuine, so that he can warrant his goods as being perfect in every respect, and cheaper than the cheapest. The most of them not having been in the store more than a few days. Retailers from N. furnished.

ARTISTIC PRESENT FOR THE HOLIDAYS.—Amongst the numberless gifts for the holidays, none can be more appropriate than a beautiful Engraving, or if intended for a lady, a hand-some box of water colors, colored crayons, a sketch book, &c., will be decidedly more welcome than most any other present. The most suitable selection of such articles can be found at the establishment of W. DEVEAU, artist, colorman, retail dealer and artists' colorman, No. 308 Broadway, second floor.

THE OLD AND NEW YEAR.—I shall offer to the trade, Dolls, Toys, Fancy Goods, Perfumery, Jewelry (in and ornamental PRESENTS, consisting of WATCHES, JEWELRY, SILVER-WARE, DIAMONDS, and a variety of small and less expensive articles.
WM. F. FARRELL, No. 295 Broadway,
Late of the firm of A. C. Beardsley & Co.

FINE CANDIES.—Wholesale and retail, for the holidays, Sugar toys of all kinds, fine mottoes, cracking nuts, almonds, raisins, plums, Malaga grapes, French bonbons, with a large variety of sweet things, suitable for the holidays, by STEWART & HUSBING, No. 248 Pearl-st.

FOR THE HOLIDAYS.—Coffee urns, tea trays, waiters, carvers, table cutlery, fire sets, fender, brackets, andirons, bird cages, and fancy hardware, selling off very cheap by HIPSON & CO'S Home Furnishing Store, No. 92 Cedar-st., between Greene and Wooster.

LADIES WHO WASH THEIR HANDS SOFT AND WHITE for the Holidays, should buy a pair of India rubber gloves, or gauntlets, or mitts. The gloves, for cold and wet weather, may be found at all the rubber stores. The trade only supplied of No. 29 John-st., up stairs.

NEW YEAR'S TABLES.—Roast turkeys, jelled tongues and tongues, chicken salads, &c., pyramids and centrepieces, loaves of plum, citron, almond and pound cakes, beautifully ornamented, Charlotte Russe jellies, &c., prepared by THOMPSON & SON, No. 320 Broadway.

USEFUL PRESENTS.—Gold pens and gold and silver pencil cases, of entire new and beautiful designs, at our stores, No. 277 Broadway and No. 19 Maiden-lane.
A. G. BAGLEY & CO.

HOLIDAY PRESENTS.—Canes, mounted with gold, ivory, agate, inlaid with tortoise shell and pearl, beautiful for presents, at No. 19 Maiden-lane.

DRY GOODS.

PROTECTION AGAINST COLD WEATHER.
GREAT BARGAINS IN BLANKETS.
Whitney, Mackinaw, Rose, Silk-bound and Crib Blankets.
ALSO,
PLAID WOOLEN SHAWLS,
Including the celebrated Bay State, Waterloo, Empire State and Glasgow (long and square,) will be sold to close the business of the year.
AT AN ENORMOUS SACRIFICE.
LORD & TAYLOR, Nos. 255, 257, 259 and 261 Grand-st. and New Nos. 47 and 49 Catharine-st.

GREAT REDUCTION IN THE PRICE OF CLOAKS AND MANTILLAS.
A. T. STEWART & CO. now offer for sale the balance of their immense stock of
CLOAKS AND MANTILLAS,
at greatly reduced prices. Their cloak counsists the most fashionable and popular styles of the day, all of which are their own manufactured and imported expressly for their City trade.

REAL INDIA CAMEL'S HAIR SHAWLS AND SCARFS,
Just received per ship Syren, from Calcutta. These desirable goods have been marked at the lowest cash prices, to suit the times, and are now ready for exhibition.
A. T. STEWART & CO., Broadway.

A SPLENDID ASSORTMENT OF THE RICHEST EMBROIDERIES IMPORTED THIS SEASON—And adapted for the holidays, (will be sold for this week only at cost price,) consisting of Dress Patterns, Flounces and Collars and Sleeves in sets; Point, Honiton and Brussels Lace Capes, Scarfs, Chemisettes, Collars, Sleeves, Collar-ettes and Barbes, (new designs.) Venice lace of embroidered and plain handkerchiefs just received at
PETER ROBERTS & CO., No. 326 Broadway.

BRUSSELS POINT LACES.—MILLER & GRANT, No. 371 Broadway, are selling point d'Angleterre, Valenciennes, Honiton and Chantilly lace, at prices much below actual cost; their stock of black thread veils are unequaled in style and quality; also, a full line of Gentlemen's embroideries of every description. N. B.—Several articles of a new description of lace just invented, M. & G. being the exclusive agents for it.

SPECIAL NOTICE.—FROM AUCTION.—JOHN MADDEN, No. 613 Broadway, will open TO-MORROW 140 dozen ladies' French embroidered handkerchiefs, worth from $3 to $10 each, all of which I will display in the holiday STYLES $3 to $4 each. Also, 100 ladies' rich embroidered robes, worth $20, which I will sell at $15 each. Open from 9 A. M. till 9 P. M.

HOLMES & CO., No. 711 Broadway, will open on Thursday, Dec. 21, a large lot of Lace and Muslin Curtains, purchased, at Auction, at prices lower than ever.
Also, for Christmas and New Year's Presents, Mosaitic Tables, Cabinets, Paper and Paint Colored Silk and other goods in great variety, at very low prices.

IMPORTED WOVE CORSETS AND EMBROIDERIES.—MRS. GAYNOR has just received a splendid lot of hummus corsets, under handkerchiefs, &c., suitable for presents. Also, a few pieces of French Bibbing French wove corsets, which she will sell at about half the prices usually charged. No. 49 3d-av., near 19th-st.

CURTAIN MATERIALS, LACE CURTAINS, GILT CORNICES, &c.—W. & R. HUMFORD, No. 301 Atlantic-st., Brooklyn, now offer a complete assortment of the above goods for the holiday season, also, window shades, paper hangings, &c., at prices to suit the times.

WANTED.

SITUATION WANTED—By a highly respectable young man, as cook; washer and ironer; is a very superior cook, and a splendid laundress; understands washing, fluting, &c.; no objection to a respectable boarding-house. Call at No. 78 3d-av.—old No. 86—for two days. Has the best of City references from private families.

SITUATION WANTED—By a respectable young woman, to do cooking and washing and ironing, or general housework. Can give good City references. Call at No. 68 Rose, in the rear, near 6th-av. Can be seen for 2 days.

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BOOKKEEPER.—Wanted, a situation on or after the 1st of January, by a young man, competent to take the charge of any set of books. Best of references given. Address J. C. C., care of White & Bakker, No. 110 Williams-st.

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MARKET REPORTS.

Weekly Review of the Dry Goods Trade.

NEW-YORK, WEDNESDAY, Dec. 27—6 P. M.

There has been but very little done in Dry Goods since this day week. The heaviest operations have been for the season, which is about over; while only a few small dealers are in market, and these are trying to secure lots of Spring and White Goods. Shirtings and Sheetings are nominally unchanged. Ginghams are quoted at Manchester, 9 cent, with limited sales. Lawns, Nainsooks and Cambrics rule dull and heavy. Printing Cloths, Prints, Stripes, and Ticks, are inactive and slightly weaker.

Woolens appear very quiet, and are irregular in price, with a fair amount, especially of manufacturers goods. Cassimeres are sparingly dealt in at former figures. Cloths, Flannels, Jeans, Linseys, and Mousslin de Laines, are nominally unchanged. Tartans and Plaids are comparatively active at previous quotations.

Foreign Advices are quite dull, and in most cases somewhat lower.

The Imports are of a very limited nature; and we are given to understand that it is most probable there will be no considerable increase in this respect for some time to come. This is one source of encouragement; and if business nevertheless be made in some quarters, where it is very desirable that such should be promptly effected,—the result cannot fail to prove highly satisfactory to all interested in the business.

[Business Circular compiled for the N. Y. Daily Times.]

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 27—9 P. M.

ASHES—Continue dull and heavy at $7 25 for Pearls, and $6 50@6 62½ for Pots, ⅌ 100 lbs.

BREADSTUFFS—The market is quiet but firm for American Yellow at 85c. ⅌ Bu.

BRICKS—North River Hard are scarce and stiffly held at $4 75@5 ⅌ thousand; but the sales are not large.

CANDLES—The inquiry is moderate and prices are well supported. The stock is not very heavy.

COAL—Foreign remains plenty and dearest. The sales since our last notice include 325 tons Welsh Cobbles at $10 50@11; 100 tons do. Splints at $8 25, cash; and some Liverpool Orrel, chiefly at $7 25; and a cargo of Sydney at $7 ⅌ chaldron, usual credit. Anthracite is in moderate request at $7@7 50 ⅌ ton, of 2,000 lbs., delivered.

COCOA—There is very little doing in this line, but with a small amount offering, prices remain about the same.

COFFEE—Is not very brisk, but it is steady. The sales since comprise 42 bags Java at 11½c.; 100 bags Rio at 9½@10c.; 300 Bahia at 9c.; and 600 St. Domingo, for export, at 8½c. ⅌ lb.

COPPER—A limited business is being transacted in Sheathing at 20½@20½c.; Yellow Metal at 20½c. and Old Sheathing at 18c. ⅌ lb. Other kinds are nominally unchanged.

COTTON—The market is inactive, yet very firm. The stock is quite small for the season—being estimated at only about 21,000 bales on hand and on shipboard. The day's sales have been confined to about 600 bales within the annexed range:

NEW-YORK CLASSIFICATIONS.

	Uplands.	Florida.	Mobile.	New-Orleans and Texas.
Ordinary	7½	7½	7½	7½
Middling	8½	8½	8½	8½
Middling Fair	9½	9½	9½	9½
Fair	9½	9½	10	10½

FEATHERS—Prime Live Geese are inactive at 45@46c. for Western, and 37c.@40c. for Southern, ⅌ lb.

FISH—Dry Cod appear very quiet, at $3@3 37½ ⅌ cwt. Pickled Cod are worth about $6 ⅌ bbl., but are not in much demand. Large Mackerel are rather sparingly offered and purchased at $19 50 for No. 1; $15@15 25 for No. 2, and $4 25@4 75 for No. 3, ⅌ bbl. Small Mackerel, Pickled Salmon, and Pickled Herring are dull and almost nominal. Smoked Herring are selling slowly at $3@4 for Scaled, and 50c. for No. 1, ⅌ box.

FLAX—We have nothing new to notice during this week, the market being inactive and prices quite irregular.

FLOUR AND MEAL—With a continued small supply and a good demand, both for home use and shipping, the tendency for the former purpose, State and Western brands have again increased in value 6½c.@12½c. ⅌ bbl.; and at the close, they still favored sellers, who were generally subject to sell at our lowest quotations. The day's sales embrace 5,500 bbls. We quote:

Superfine No. 2	$6 00@$6 50
Ordinary State	6 31½@ 6 62½
Straight State	6 62½@ 6 75
Favorite State	6 75@ 6 87½
Mixed Western	6 37½@ 6 75
Common to Good Indiana and Michigan	6 37½@ 6 50
Fancy Michigan	6 62½@ 6 75
Common to Good Ohio	6 25@ 6 50
Fancy Ohio	6 62½@ 6 75
Extra Ohio	6 75@ 6 87½
Extra Indiana and Michigan	6 75@ 6 87½
Fancy Genesee	6 90@ 6 95
Extra Genesee	6 95@ 7 00
Canadian is improving in demand and value. This day's sales reach 1,000 bbls., comprise at $6@6 37½, in bond, and $10, duty paid, ⅌ bbl. Southern flour tends upwards, the stock being comparatively limited, while most orders are very full demand, in part, for the home trade, and for the West Indies. The day's sales include 1,700 bbls. at $6 12½@6 62½ for mixed to good brands; and at $10@10 75 for fancy and extra ⅌ bbl. Brandywine Flour is without essential variation. Rye Flour is moderately inquired for at $6 75@7 for fine; and $7 75@7 87½ for superfine ⅌ bbl. Corn Meal is dull, but not dearer. The day's sales embrace 300 bbls. Brandywine at $4 62½@4 75 ⅌ bbl.	

FRUIT—There is less doing in this line, and prices slightly favor buyers. This day's transactions include 300 boxes Bunch Raisins at $2 70 for dry and $3 20 for wet dried; 150 boxes Layer do. at $3; 300 half boxes do. do. at $1 62½@1 75; some Southern Pea Nuts at $1 31½ ⅌ bushel, and Havana Oranges at $7 ⅌ bbl. Western Apples are salable and firm at $2@2 50 for sound to prime selected ⅌ bbl. Dried domestic fruit is unchanged.

GRAIN—Wheat is extremely scarce and quiet, parties holding about the prices. Genesee White, of prime quality, is variously quoted at from $2 25@2 60, ⅌ bushel; but in the absence of a sufficient supply, and of sales, these rates are entirely nominal. The range for prime White Michigan is from $2 25@$2 40, ⅌ bushel. This day's sales have been confined to 2,000 bushels Indiana Canadian White, free, at $2 27½; and 1,000 bushels good Northern do. at $2 25. Rye is inactive and lower, at about $1 20, ⅌ bushel. Barley rules dull and heavy,—being of uncertain value. Oats are in moderate supply, and are actively inquired for, at 30c.@35c. for heavy; 33c.@35c. for State; and 34c.@35c. for Western, ⅌ bushel. Corn is not over brisk, but the market is steady. The stock is moderate, of all kinds.

WHISKEY—Sales of 400 bbls. Ohio and Prison Brands are at 26c.@28c., cash and short credit, ⅌ gallon.

WOOL—We have heard of no considerable sales since our last. The market is pretty well supplied; but the inquiry from manufacturers and from the trade, is limited. Prices rule heavy, and in some cases, display a drooping tendency.

FREIGHTS—Were doing better. For Liverpool, the engagements include 20,000 bushels Corn, in bulk and bags, at 4d. and 4½d., ⅌ bushel; 400 bales Cotton at ¼d. ⅌ lb., and 250 bbls. Park at 3s. For Glasgow, the shipments embraced 500 bbls. Flour at 3s. For London and other ports, the engagements were limited and relate chiefly to coal. The latter charters have been a ship, 377 tons, bound hence to Valparaiso, from Calcutta to Liverpool or London, at £4 10s.; a bark from Cuba, with Sugar, to Falmouth, Eng., for orders, to a port between Havre and Hamburg, £3; a Br. brig from Jamaica to London, sugar £3, pimento and ginger £4, rum 9d.; another, same voyage, coffee £3 10s., (or if with sugar, £3); a schooner to Porto Rico and back, 40c. for sugar; and $3 for molasses, on deck; a schooner to Guadaloupe 50c. for dry, and 60c. for wet hide, and 10c. ⅌ foot measurement; a ship, 1,050 tons, with 352 United States troops and six officers to Key West, Charleston Harbor, Pensacola and New-Orleans—$4,040 for the run out; a schooner from the Chesapeake to Boston, timber $4 25 ⅌ M.; and a new ship, 700 tons, to Calcutta and back, on private terms.

New-York Cattle Market.—Dec. 27.

Carefully prepared every Wednesday for the Daily Times.

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TOTAL RECEIPTS.

For the past six days at all the principal markets named above.

Beeves	1,927	Swine	4,348
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RECEIPTS ON RAILROAD.

	Halves.	Sm.	Bed. Hogs.
Beeves	467	102	200
Veals	164	22	—
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Sheep and Lambs	1,612	1,600	600
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2. School-House No. 22, Chatham-st., near Chambers.
3. School-House No. 19, Cor. North Moore and Varick-sts.
4. School-House No. 18, Hudson-st., near Leonard.
7. School-House No. 13, Monroe-st., near Montgomery.
8. School-House No. 12, Clay-st., near Broome.
9. School-House No. 3, Cor. Hudson and Grove-sts.
10. School-House No. 20, Ludlow-st., near Delancy.
11. School-House No. 24, Hester-st., near Avenue C.
12. School-House No. 25, Grand-st., Harlem.
13. School-House No. 27, 26th-st., Carmansville.
14. School-House No. 28, Orange-st., near Grand.
15. School-House No. 29, 12th-st., near 6th-av.
20. School-House No. 30, 16th-st., near 8th-av.
18. School-House No. 31, 24th-st., near 10-av.
21. School-House No. 32, 40th-st., near 8th-av.

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Week.
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2. School-House No. 22, Chatham-st., near Chambers.
4. School-House No. 18, Hudson-st., near Leonard.
11. School-House No. 24, Hester-st., near Avenue C.
12. School-House No. 25, Grand-st., near Pitt.
13. School-House No. 27, 26th-st., near Prince.
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RELIEF FOR THE POOR.

Help for the Poor.

BROOKLYN, Tuesday, Dec. 26.

To the Editor of the New-York Daily Times:

[illegible] which has been said of late in your excellent paper about assisting the poor. And I am glad that you have been so active in directing public attention to this [illegible] subject, for surely it [illegible] the minds of the poor [illegible] our Corporation [illegible] to [illegible].

[illegible] there is one channel which I think you have not definitely specified, and to which I beg leave to call your attention. I allude to "City Missionaries," or those persons who are sustained by churches or benevolent individuals in "local" or "general" Mission labors.

If a Missionary is faithful and kind he will so commend himself to the confidence of the poor among whom he labors, that he will become acquainted with their wants, but no less actual wants and sufferings, and thus have opportunity to relieve the most worthy, and he can often do it more judiciously than can perhaps be done through larger organizations.

I speak from observation and experience. I have been laboring in this goodly city of Brooklyn as a Missionary for two years past, and I come in constant contact with real distress which is and (I think) should be hid from the public eye, and yet it is the very kind of suffering which deserves relief. I am thankful for the sympathy and aid which I have received in my field of labor, but still I cannot help saying that there are great numbers at this present season who might be relieved of pinching want if we had the means to do so. And I know it is so with my brethren.

Let me then call the attention of your benevolent readers to this channel of help to the needy. Give to it, my friends, (if you wish to do good,) one to it that your Missionaries are supplied with the means to feed, clothe, and warm the deserving poor. Thus they may be the Almoners of your bounty to thousands ready to perish. S. B.

WARREN-STREET MISSION, BROOKLYN.

Public Meeting for the Poor.

The Mayor of Jersey City has called a meeting of citizens, to be held on Friday evening at the old Reformed Dutch Church, Grand-st., to devise measures for the relief of the poor.

THE PARK MEETINGS FOR THE POOR.

Letter from Ira Buckman.

To the Editor of the New-York Daily Times:

DEAR SIR: Improper report of my remarks in the Park, last Friday evening, at the meeting of unemployed laborers and mechanics, you make me say:

"Mr. IRA BUCKMAN asked if there was any want of the necessaries of life in the country? Certainly not, as they were heaped up by speculators, while the unemployed artisan and his wife and children were starving for bread. He believed the great hope for the workingman rested in the ballot-box. (Cheers.) The whole scheme of legislation for the last twenty-five years had been to make the rich man richer and the poor man poorer. Idle, lazy, and selfish politicians disregarded the rights of the poor citizens, in their unscrupulous efforts to advance themselves. There was now no bank bill sub under heaven. He held in his pocket-book fifty dollars of the Empire City Bank, which he could not get rid of, even at a sacrifice of ten shillings. The time was coming, he hoped, for the officers of the banks, thus and bring them before a court of tar and feathers."

In your Tuesday's issue you denominate the speakers on that occasion, "political mechanics;" and, after saying that "their object to merely to use the mechanics for the advancement of their own ends," you add:

"Their whole object was to excite among the suffering poor, hatred of the rich—and one speaker, Mr. IRA BUCKMAN, went so far as to admonish them to a forcible restoration of the property of others, openly declaring that their right to it was as good as anybody's."

Now, in both your report and your editorial, you more or less modify my meaning where you do not wholly pervert it. But in the presence of that suffering multitude, and with a knowledge of the depressed condition of the poor everywhere, any man possessing strong sympathies might well be excused for the use of even the language which you impute to me. Nevertheless, I did not use it, in the connection in which it stands in your report; but I will trouble you with only an explanation of a few points, and simply pronounce the rest a total perversion of my meaning.

By the way, what do you mean by "political mechanics?" Do you mean that mechanics should not meddle with politics? If you do, I beg leave to discuss that point. I think every mechanic—and, indeed, every voter—should be a political one; he should understand political matters, that he may cast his vote as most becomes an American freeman.

If "political mechanics" are now troublesome to professional politicians, I give it as my opinion that they will become more annoying before they become less so.

The "political mechanics" want to know why the markets are flooded with foreign manufactures, our jails are filled with foreign criminals, and our alms-houses are crowded with foreign paupers; and why native laborers can find no employment, and their families are suffering for want of the necessaries of life?

The "political mechanics" want to know why millions of bushels of grain are allowed to be manufactured into poison, that the wealthy and designing may put an penny in the mouth of the poor man, "to steal away his brains," while they rob him of his money; if legislation is not for the benefit of the rich, making the "rich richer, and the poor poorer?"

Look at the rum traffic in this City, at the present time, when starvation is staring the laborer in the face. There are no less than 6,000 grog-shops licensed for the sum of $10 each, producing an income to the City of $60,000. Each of these grog-shops cost the citizens of New-York, annually, on an average, not less than $500 directly, to say nothing of the expense of the evil consequences growing out of their existence. This would make the large sum of $3,500,000, to which add the expense of licenses, which the consumer of liquor has to pay, and we have the enormous sum of $4,500,000 expended annually for what has been perverted from its proper use, increasing the quantity of broadcloth, and encouraging vice and want broadcast in our midst.

The "political mechanics" want to know if the fact, that the Governor of the State of New-York owes some $600,000 worth of property in grog-shops, in Albany and elsewhere, had any bearing on his veto of the Prohibitory Liquor Law?

The "political mechanics" want to know why the banks are in their present condition, leaving starving thousands with bits of worthless paper in their hands in lieu of bread; and why the necessaries of life are hoarded up by speculators, if "idle, lazy, selfish politicians" have not "disregarded the rights of the poor citizens in their unscrupulous efforts to advance themselves?"

But my communication is getting lengthy, and I must hasten to a close, leaving much unsaid which I intended to say.

As to the charge of my countenancing violence on the part of the poor, I did no such thing. I simply insisted that every man is entitled to the produce of his own labor, and that poverty, if there is wrong perpetrated somewhere. His right to the produce of his labor I consider "as good as anybody's;" and I still contend that "the great hope for the workingman rests in the ballot-box." Now, in your report, directly contradicts the assertion in your editorial, that I "stimulated them to a forcible restoration of the property of others."

Yours respectfully, IRA BUCKMAN, Jr.

New-York, Dec. 27, 1854.

Letter from Eugene Sullivan.

NO. 91 EAST SIXTEENTH-STREET, NEW-YORK, Wednesday, Dec. 27, 1854.

To the Editor of the New-York Daily Times:

SIR: In your edition of the 20th inst. you thought proper to publish an editorial entitled "False Friends of the Poor," referring in strong terms on the persons who took part in the working men's meetings held in the Park last week. While I don't object to your remarks, generally on a subject that at the present crisis occupies the attention of the community at large, I think justice and fair play require, holding as you do the responsible position of a public journalist, that your pen should not be used as a weapon of censure against men whose only desire has been to relieve the life of suffering humanity by discussing the best means towards the attainment of an noble and philanthropic end. You say that "the speakers were, without an exception, political mechanics, and who are for many months to escape office for [illegible] to benefit the class for whom they come forward." This assertion, for my own part, I emphatically deny, and request you will give your authority for such a charge. I have never taken actively any part whatever in any political agitation, past or present, in this City.

But on the contrary, I fully believe that it is a duty as my duty, as well as a privilege of the Constitution, to occasionally express my opinion upon any Legislative measure which in my humble judgment requires reforming. The evils that oppress the working classes are too numerous to mention at present, and can only be enumerated under the name of "Legion." I will do you justice for bringing before the public mind many useful topics, and which your previous advocacy has tended in some instances to enlighten the minds of our wealthy citizens, and doubt whether you would allow your columns to be used against your own doctrines.

In my opinion, unjust speculation, over-issue of paper currency, and the public lands withheld by unjust laws from the mass of the people, are subjects that should interest the minds of those men who by false promises and pretenses to patriotism have obtained to office; but who, in too many instances, prove recreant to their former principles, and with masked faces turn their eyes to the public Treasury—while on the other side they laugh to scorn the wants of the honest mechanic by whose vote and upon whose shoulders they have mounted to power and place—the true and only height of their ambition being self-aggrandisement. I concur in many of your suggestions that mechanics are much to blame; but I think that their principal crime has been too much confidence in promises.

It is to be hoped that they will learn wisdom by the bitter experience of these *Hard Times*, and look to themselves alone to redress the evils in future; they don't require leaders to tell them what they should perform, but judge upon the proceedings of the Empire City, and it will teach them that their chief duty should be to "learn to think wiser for the future," and to acknowledge that they have acted unfortunately for themselves, "foolishly in the past." As a reader of your valuable journal and in justice to myself, I beg the insertion of these few lines, and

Remain, Sir, yours respectfully, EUGENE JNO. SULLIVAN.

Relief for the Poor in Williamsburgh.

At the meeting of the Common Council last evening a communication was received from Mr. HAMILTON, Chairman of the Relief Department, informing the Board that this department are taking measures to relieve the suffering poor by establishing a soup house, &c., and asking an appropriation to assist in this laudable enterprise.

On motion of Alderman LINDEY the sum of $500 was appropriated, to be placed at the disposal of the Relief Department.

The sum of $500 was also appropriated for the benefit of the Widows' and Orphans' Fund of the Fire Department.

(Advertisement.)

AMERICA AHEAD.—The well known superiority of American Daguerreotypes and Photographs was practically attested yesterday by Lord ELGIN, the ex-Governor General of Canada. On Tuesday his lordship sat for several daguerreotypes at Root's Gallery, No. 363 Broadway, all of which he pronounced far superior to any he had ever before obtained; and so highly pleased was he with them that yesterday, though greatly pressed for time, he came again to Root, just before the steamer sailed, and got several other pictures, one of them being a splendid Photograph, from which a large number of copies are to be made, and sent to him by the next steamer. Such is the judgment of one of the first men of Europe upon the value of American Photographs as compared with those of the Old World.

(Communicated.)

Portrait of Miss Collins.

A half-length picture of this estimable young lady, who was lost with the *Arctic*, and whose melancholy fate cast so deep a gloom upon her numerous relatives and friends, has just been completed, from a Daguerreotype in the possession of her father, by Mr. JAMES H. WRIGHT, of this City.

We have rarely seen a portrait of such excellence, both as a likeness and a work of art. The delicacy and breadth of execution, the perfect harmony of its details, and its truthful rendition of character, are truly remarkable, when we remember the difficulty invariably experienced by the artist in the copy of a Daguerreotype.

We understand that Mr. COLLINS has commissioned the same artist for portraits of Mrs. COLLINS and Master CORY COLLINS, and if Mr. WRIGHT is equally fortunate in their treatment, he will add new laurels to his already enviable reputation as one of our most accomplished and successful artists.

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LONG ISLAND.

Williamsburg Democratic Primary Meetings.

The Democratic Primary Meetings for the purpose of electing Delegates to the County and City Conventions, and also for Ward Committees, took place yesterday evening. The following tickets were declared elected:

XIIITH WARD.—*County*—R. M. Cox. *City*—R. W. Allen, Charles C. Cornell, A. E. Hatfield. *Ward*—Wm. M. Ivanstine, W. W. Powell, D. Fenn, Joseph Palmer, James Green.

XIVTH WARD.—*County*—R. Walsh. *City*—Terrence Dentiffy, Phillip Brady, Patrick Gaynor. *Ward*—Chas. Hanks, John Hughes, John Rathens, Jas. Carr, J. Russell.

XVTH WARD.—*County*—Andrew Marshall. *City*—John Degan, Francis Swift, Arthur O'Brien. *Ward*—Wm. Lawrence, Thos. L. Adams, P. G. Hendrickson, John Malone, George Vincent.

XVITH WARD.—*County*—John M. Gillet. *City*—Benjamin W. Wilkins, Francis Brande, M. Murray. *Ward*—Peter Carney, B. Greenan, John B. Rowe, P. Lennon, Charles Bird.

Meeting of Colored Citizens.

A meeting of the members of the Colored Political Association of Kings County, was held last evening at Rev. Mr. HOPKINS' Church, for the purpose of taking action in reference to petitioning the Legislature for an abrogation of the property qualification required to enable a colored man to vote. The President, Rev. Mr. HOPKINS, presided, and JOHN STILLE acted as Secretary. The following preamble and resolution was adopted:

Whereas, We, a convention of the colored citizens of the County of Kings and New-York, do deem it expedient that more prompt and energetic measures should be adopted by us in behalf of the general colored population of the great State of New-York, to present to the next Legislature a petition stating the civil and political grievances under which we are laboring. Therefore,

Resolved, That a Committee of five be appointed to draft a petition setting forth at length the State grievances in the above preamble.

Resolved, That the Committee so appointed present their petition at the next meeting of this Convention for its endorsement.

[Messrs. HOPKINS, STILE, BURRICK, STEWARD and STORRS were appointed said Committee, after which the meeting adjourned to Wednesday, 3d January.

MARRIED.

In this City, on Tuesday, Dec. 26, by Rev. W. R. Gordon, D. D., at the residence of her father, WM. JAMES LOCKWOOD to MARY ANN CHESTER, both of this City.

DIED.

In this City, on Wednesday, Dec. 27, of consumption, Deacon SAMUEL BELL, aged 68 years.

His funeral will be attended at his late residence, No. 42 Bedford-st., Friday morning, Dec. 29th, at 10 o'clock P. M. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend, without further notice.

In this City, on Tuesday, Dec. 26, SARAH M. GRIM, in the 28th year of her age.

Her friends, and those of her son, Charles F. Grim, and her sons-in-law, Dr. Hugh Sweeney and Dr. Isaac Freeman, are respectfully invited to attend her funeral, from her late residence, No. 186 Mulberry-st., this day, (Thursday,) at 12 o'clock M.

In this City, on Monday, Dec. 25, JESSE L., child of Wm. V. and Helen M. Nos.

In this City, on Friday, Dec. 22, CHARLES M., aged 2 years, 4 months and 14 days, and on Tuesday, the 26th, WILLIAM and MARY J. Scott, aged 4 months and 14 days, twin sons of Edward and Mary J. Scott.

The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, from the residence of their parents, No. 136 Allen-st., this day, (Thursday,) the 28th inst., at 2 o'clock, without further notice.

In Jersey City, on Wednesday morning, Dec. 27, JOHN O. W. HEARTON, in the 24th year of his age.

His friends, and the members of Harmony Division, S. of T., are invited to attend his funeral, on Thursday, Dec. 28, at 1 o'clock, from the residence of his father, Rev. John Hearton, No. 1 Montgomery-st., one door from Hudson-st., Jersey City, without further notice.

In this City, on Wednesday evening, Dec. 27, MARY T., wife of William H. Wise, in the 30th year of her age.

Also, on Tuesday, Dec. 26, in the morning, Dec. 27, LOUISA LATHROP, youngest child of Jacob D. Vermilye.

The friends of the family are invited to attend her funeral, this (Thursday) afternoon, at 3 o'clock, from the residence of her father, No. 12 Broad-st., Newark.

At Jacksonville, Fla., JAMES GLASSIE, son of Andrew Gassie, of this City.

His remains will be taken to Greenwood. Particulars in Saturday's (Friday's) paper.

At Newburgh, on Sunday, Dec. 24, ALEXANDER FALLS, formerly of this City aged 65 years.

COMMERCIAL AFFAIRS.

For Markets See Sixth Page.

Sales at the Stock Exchange....Dec. 27.

$2,000	Indiana State 6s	77	100	N. Y. Central R. R.	c 81
14,000	Virginia 6s	84	100	do	81
200	do	c 81	100	do	s17 81
1,000	North Carolina 6s	84	100	do	c 81
1,000	do	84	100	do	s60 81
5,000	Missouri 6s	75	100	do	s30 81
11,000	Erie Income Bonds	88	50	do	s30 81
2,000	E. Con. Bds. '71, s w b	70	12	Cleve. & Toledo R. R.	72
3,000	Erie Bonds s'w'b	88	24	Chicago & R. I. R. R.	72
1,000	Erie Bonds	88	100	do	b3 72
1,000	Panama Bds. 3d issue	92	6	Ills. Central R. R.	72
$1,000	Ill. Cen. R. R. Bds.	65	100	do	s30 72
200	do	65	50	Erie Railroad	30
7,000	do	b3 65	100	do	s30 30
1,000	do	65	100	do	c 30
2,000	do	b3 65	100	do	c 30
2,000	Chi. & R. I. R. R.	c 65	200	do	b10 27
7,000	Michigan Sou. Bds.	89	100	do	s30 30
1,000	NORTH-WESTERN Bds.	77	400	do	b10 27
10	Del. & Hud. Canal Co.	107	100	do	s30 30
8	Am. Exchange Bank	95	100	do	s30 30
200	Nic. Transit Co.	b60	14	do	30
25	do	c 60	1,000	Harlem Railroad	s3 30
100	do	60	100	do	b10 30
100	do	b4 60	100	do	s10 30
100	do	60	400	do	30
200	Cumberland Coal Co.	s5 29	50	N. H. & Hart'd R. R.	b3 100
100	do	s10 29	100	Reading Railroad	70½
100	do	s15 29	100	do	b10 70
100	do	s15 29	100	do	s10 70
100	do	b60 29½	100	do	b10 71
100	do	b60 29½	200	do	b10 71
100	do	b60 29½	100	do	b10 71
100	do	29½	200	do	b30 71
100	do	29½	100	do	71
100	do	s30 29½	100	do	c 70
200	do	29½	100	do	70
100	do	s30 29½	100	do	b3 71
100	do	29½	100	do	s30 71
200	Canton Company	b60 29	27	Hudson River R. R.	b3 34
100	do	b60 29	50	do	b60 33
100	do	29	100	do	c 33
100	N. Y. Central R. R.	81	100	do	b60 33
100	do	s10 81	100	do	33
100	do	b30 81	50	Panama Railroad	78
100	do	b30 81	100	do	s30 78
200	do	s30 81	45	do	78
100	do	s30 81	100	do	78
100	do	b60 81	25	Galena & Chicago R. R.	92
50	do	s30 81			

SECOND BOARD.

$2,000	Virginia 6s	84	20	N. Y. Central R. R.	c 80
2,000	Erie Income Bonds	88	100	do	s15 80
1,000	Hud. R. Int M. B.	85	50	do	s60 80
25	Dela. & Hud. Canal Co.	108	100	Canton Company	29
10	Michigan Cen. R. R.	80	100	do	b60 29
10	do	b60 80	100	do	b60 29
100	Niagara Transp. Co.	b60 71	100	do	b10 29
100	Cumb. Coal Co.	b60 29½	100	do	29
100	do	b60 29½	100	do	29
100	do	b60 29½	100	do	29
100	do	s5 29½	50	Harlem Railroad	s30 29
100	do	29½	50	do	29
100	do	s30 29½	50	Erie Railroad	s30 29
100	Reading R. R.	s30 69 71	100	do	s30 29
200	do	b60 71½			

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 27—P. M.

There was a strong market for Stocks today, and so far as the Railway and State Loan interests of the country are concerned, there would seem to be substantial ground of hope for improvement in the public estimation of their value after the New-Year sets in. In regard to the finished Railroads, particularly, the result would now seem to be in the keeping of their financial managers. If monied men are better disposed to think that they have seen their hardest time in the market, and that much reliance is to be placed in their ability to earn a fair interest on the construction cost, where that has been, or is likely to be definitely ascertained, it is because of the pledges made that a stop will be put to spending money on what are called new improvements, but which oftener amount to mere *jobs* to favorite contractors, negotiators, property speculators, and supply furnishers. The two great lines of New-York attract most attention; both having been depressed from 40 to 50 ⅌ cent. in market value by the hard times of 1854, and the peculiar financial difficulties that put a stop to their respective dividends. These have wrought immense mischief to their credit, while the real capacity of both works and their reliable sources of business have been more satisfactorily shown than ever in much enlarged gross earnings. The New-York and Erie managers have given a direct and emphatic pledge that their Construction account shall be closed. The New-York Central management, by circular, as early as June last, gave an implied pledge that $6,075,000, or less, as then calculated on, would end their improvements. They had $2,075,000 in hand after consolidation, from reserved stock, toward this estimate. They asked for $2,000,000 Convertible Loan. The Loan could not be sold to this extent at par, and two dividends have been expended in lieu of about $1,850,000 of the amount. The remainder has been or may be disposed of at par, and the full estimate, if need be, upon new work expended. Under this state of things, the New-York and Erie Company are about to renew their Income Loan due in February, and fund that portion of their current liabilities which belongs to construction cost. The New-York Central Company have placed $625,000 as the August dividend to the credit of their stockholders to await the sale of their reserved Bonds. In a few days the question of the February dividend will come up. As earned, under the showing of their books, it will amount to fully as much as the one in August. The stockholders are ready to take the reserved Bonds, in lieu of cash, and thus close an embarrassing question, the effect of which has been as injurious to the credit of the Stock as if it had been originally resolved to pass the dividends altogether and cancel a corresponding amount of the proposed Loan. The Stock rose to-day to 82¼ ⅌ cent. Erie rated at 36⅞@37. Erie Incomes were in request at 90 ⅌ cent., and the Convertibles of 1871 rose to 70 ⅌ cent. Reading further advanced, and sold in the afternoon as dear as 71½ ⅌ cent. Virginia Stock 91½ ⅌ cent., and Illinois Central Bonds 65; both ½ to ¼ ⅌ cent. added to the rise of yesterday. Panama Railroad shares sold very largely at 70½ to 71½. Cumberland Coal active, and the market generally looking well at the close.

Nothing was done in Foreign Exchange after the sailing of the *Pacific*. The closing rates were 107½@108 on London, 5.21½@5.16¼ on Paris, bankers' names. We heard nothing new about Money. The rates keep very dear on nearly all descriptions of paper. The amount on temporary use in Wall-street, owing to the deposits for January dividends with the Bankers, is fully equal to the daily wants of the Brokers of first-rate standing.

We have heretofore glanced at one of the remedies for hard times, to be found in the better *American spirit*, which they are calculated to assume, of encouraging the products of home manufacture. We would not be misunderstood to mean by legislation alone. That for the present is out of the question, in the existing constitution of parties in Congress. The remedy may be partially applied in a more practical form. The necessity of doing so, we respectfully suggested a few days since by official figures from the late report of the Secretary of the Treasury, of the import of the last financial year, of over $53,000,000 in Cotton, Woolen and Iron fabrics; the raw materials of which are more abundantly produced in our own country, than the Foreign States from which they are most unwisely drawn, to be the absorbents of the precious metals, or to increase the nation's indebtedness and financial dependence abroad. The evil is now keenly felt to be one of the main sources of unemployed American labor. It surely ought in some way to be corrected. It will be, even before the reform can be reached through legislation, if every individual consumer of Iron, Woolen and Cotton fabrics will make the duty his own. But it has been suggested to us by a correspondent that extravagance in using other Foreign fabrics, not now made in this country, but which are susceptible of being made, not of prime necessity, but luxury, is another cause of the hard times. He writes:

"The aggregate cost of Silks abroad for the past four years is one hundred and seventeen millions of dollars. Add for charges of importation, merchants' and shop-keepers' profits and dressmakers' charges 37 ⅌ cent., making the actual cost to the consumers of the United States, for the four years, Two Hundred and Twenty-six Millions of Dollars. The same profit would accrue to manufacturers, shopkeepers and dressmakers were the Silk grown here. But independent of all, there goes, annually, near thirty millions of dollars abroad for Foreign Silks alone. What an absorption of the wages of capital and the wages of labor! Verily, fashion makes the Free People of the Republic slaves of European capital and skill. Let raw Silk in free, and double or treble the duty on the manufactured article. Keep our own People at work; Free-Trade, as practiced here, *Freezes* and *Starves*."

The movement of the Cotton crop at the Southern ports, for the past fortnight, is very fully set forth in the circular of Mr. WRIGHT, for the Liverpool steamer to-day, and from which we make the following extracts. At all the ports the aggregate shipments to Foreign markets to the present date are 443,000 bales against 314,000 bales to same date last year. The increase in bulk is about 41 ⅌ cent., while the decline in price, taking quotation at New-Orleans for middling Cotton as the standard, is the proportion of 3 cents this year against 9½ cents last December.

NEW-ORLEANS, Dec. 16.	1854.	1853.
Receipts since 1st Sept. last	435,473	402,168
Exports since 1st Sept. last	265,402	226,600
Sales since 9th inst	40,500	28,100
Stock on hand at date	179,651	212,647
Freight to Liverpool	11-32d.	13-16@1d.
Exchange on London	9@7	8@9
Exchange on Paris	5.20@5.27½	5.15@5.25
Exchange on N. Y., 60 d. sight	2½@3 dis.	1½@½ dis.
MOBILE, Dec. 16.	1854.	1853.
Receipts since 1st Sept. last	141,672	97,459
Exports since 1st Sept. last	59,472	36,000
Sales since 9th inst	6,500	11,100
Stock on hand at date	49,787	46,329
Freight to Liverpool	11@¼d.	¼.
Exchange on London	9@7½	8@9.
Exchange on Paris	5.25@5.20	5.30
Exchange on N. Y., 60 d. sight	1½@¼ dis.	3@2½ dis.
SAVANNAH, DEC. 23.	1854	1853
	S. Isl. Up'ds.	S. Isl. Up'ds.
R'pts since Sept. 1	2,928 73,193	73,311 197,197
Ex'pts since Sept. 1	600 41,424	45,024 60,027
Sales since 15th inst	221 4,100	2,100 6,728
S. on hand at date	1,050 36,567	32,517 44,310
Freight to Liverpool	9-32d. 5/8d.	¼d.@9-16d.
Exchange on London	7@7½	9@
Exchange on Paris		
Exchange on N. Y. 60 days sight	1½@ dis.	1½@ dis.
CHARLESTON, DEC. 22.	1854	1853
	S. Isl. Up'ds.	S. Isl. Up'ds.
R'pts since Sept. 1	3,941 155,671	150,112 121,397
Ex'pts since Sept. 1	2,028 115,753	117,755 67,130
Sales since 15th inst	100 11,012	11,113 7,450
S. on hand at date	3,650 56,917	54,579 50,928
Freight to Liverpool	5-16d.	5-16d. ¼.
Exchange on London	7½	9@9½
Exchange on Paris	5.20	5.17½@5.20
Exchange on N. Y. 60 days sight	1½@¼ dis.	1½@¼ dis.

The attention of parties interested in the late Parker Vein Coal concern, is directed to the advertisement in another column, proposing a reorganization on the basis of the purchase of the property made yesterday, under foreclosure of the mortgages upon it. Messrs. O'BRIEN, No. 33 Wall-street, will afford full information on the subject.

The Harmony Fire Insurance Company advertise a half-yearly dividend of 5 ⅌ cent. The Tradesmen's Bank, under the old charter, will pay a final dividend of 42 ⅌ cent. on the 2d January. At the same time, 40 ⅌ cent. on the new full stock, and 20 ⅌ cent. on the Scrip stock are required to be paid in. The Irving Savings Bank pays 6 ⅌ cent. on 15th January.

The Sub-Treasury received to-day $147,220; paid out $82,343, and held on regular balance, at the close of business, $3,722,193. The Assay Department paid out $183,002.

Mr. ALBERT H. NICOLAY's regular semi-weekly Auction Sale of Stocks and Bonds will take place to-morrow, Thursday, at 12½ o'clock, at the Merchants' Exchange.

The receipts of the Chicago and Mississippi Railroad, for the second week in December, were $91,423 02.

We have received several communications from depositors in the exploded Knickerbocker Savings Bank, and Knickerbocker Bank, complaining that no satisfaction is afforded as to the prospects of liquidating their affairs by the Trustees. We know of no remedy beyond placing the claims in legal hands. The Bank would no doubt be put in the keeping of a Special Commissioner on proper steps being taken at the Department at Albany. Thus far, the late managers have eluded this result by paying up their protested paper within the 15 days allowed after protest. But it would be competent for the Depositors and Stockholders to force settlement, by uniting in a formal complaint of mismanagement to the Superintendent. We have heard it suggested that some of the managers mean to make further efforts to reestablish the Bank. The public will tolerate nothing of the sort, of course, if for no other reason than the manner in which the poor Savings depositors have been treated.

Boston Banks.

From the Boston Advertiser, Dec. 27.

A comparison of the footings of the weekly Bank Statement of the Boston Banks, with those of the statement for the previous week, exhibits the following results:

	Dec. 18.	Dec. 25.	
Capital Stock	$23,179,800	$23,179,800	No increase.
Loans and Discounts	49,022,600	49,089,300	Incr. $66,710
Specie in Bank	3,375,177	3,300,094	Decr. 75,017
Due from other banks	7,377,000	7,377,000	Decr. 110,000
Due to other Banks	4,321,271	4,313,017	Decr. 8,254
Deposits	11,522,021	11,211,520	Decr. 371,500
Circulation	3,199,126	3,202,320	Decr. 16,806

SALES OF STOCKS AT PHILADELPHIA.—Wednesday—First Board—$4,500 City Railroad 6s, 93; 16,100 N. P. R. R. 6s; $2,000 City Railroad 6s (Sunbury and Erie,) 63; $13,000 Pennsylvania Coupons 6s, 63; $4,000 Lehigh Navigation 6s, 75; $1,000 Pennsylvania Railroad 6s, 100; $1,100 United 6s, '61; C. & P. 116; 25 Lehigh Navigation, 61; 4 Camden and Amboy Railroad, 124; 50 Pennsylvania Railroad, 61½; 11 do., 61½; 3 Reading Railroad, 34; 1 do., 34½; 10 Harrisburg Railroad, 66½; 5 Mansfield Railroad, 63; 120 Long Island Railroad, 12½.

Second Board—$4,000 Pennsylvania 6s, 63; $1,200 City Railroad 6s, 93; 15 Beaver Meadow Railroad, 32½; 100 Morris Canal, 11.

After Board—$2,000 City Railroad 6s, 93; $600 City Railroad 6s, (Sunbury and Erie,) 63; $1,500 City Railroad 6s, (N. P. R. R.) 93; $3,200 City 6s, '73, C. & P., 93; $2,000 Pennsylvania 6s, 63; 25 Lehigh Navigation, 61; 10 Pennsylvania Railroad, 61; 100 Morris Canal, 11½; 17 Mansfield Railroad, 63; 200 Reading Railroad, 35½; 10 Girard Bank, 11; 25 Western Bank 93.

After Board—$1,000 Reading Railroad, 6s, '70, 71; 25 Lehigh Navigation, 61; 10 Pennsylvania Railroad, 61½; 100 Morris Canal, 11.

Closing Prices—United States 6s, '88, 115@116; United States 6s, '67, 115@116; Pennsylvania 6s, 93@93½; Reading Railroad, 34@34½; Reading Railroad Bonds, '70, 71@72; Reading Railroad Mortgage 6s, 93@93½; Pennsylvania Railroad, 61@61½; Morris Canal, 11@11½; Schuylkill Navigation 6s, '97, 75; Schuylkill Navigation Preferred, 37@38; Long Island Railroad, 12@12½; Wyoming Railroad, 100; Girard Bank, 10@11; Lehigh Slack, 7@8; Union Canal, 30@.

PASSENGERS SAILED.

In steamship Pacific for Liverpool—His Excellency Lord Elgin and party, Richard S. Curran and wife, John Ross, Canada; John Cummins, New-York; Mr. Mason, Mr. Brown, Montreal; H. B. Thayer, Richard Curran, New-York; Jas. Tompkins, Quebec; George R. Barker, Jersey City; Mr. Wm. Gilbert, Edwin Bartlett and lady, E. Thomas, New-York; Jas. Brown, New-York; C. L. Kortright, Rochester; Mr. Barnard, John Brown, Montreal; Louis Ambert, Capt. Chas. H. Ba-

[illegible] Fairbanks, New-York; Mr. Otheman, Mr. Jas. Ross, New-York; Mr. Bennett, New-York; Mr. Bennett, Chas. Stevens, Jr.; Canada; L. Marx & Co., Paris; A. Sterling and wife, New-York; A. Whitney, Philadelphia; Mr. De McOverton, France; Mr. Jas. Forsyth, Toronto; Francis Simpson, Quebec; Mr. Wayne, Pittsburgh, and wife, Mr. Mr. E. E. Hoyt, New-York; B. Hartung, do.; Miss Dawson, do.; J. Coulter, France; E. S. Malley, New-York; Sir Dungan and lady, Canada; A. Dickson, Mr. and Mrs. Castelin, New-York; Chas. Cassin, Mr. and Mrs. A. Cassin, Montreal; Dyer Anna, Bridgeport; John Bard, Boston, C. Hayes, San Francisco; Capt. Benson, Havre and lady, England; S. H. Thompson, Montreal; Madame Rose, France; O. Fredson, St. Pierre; Lieut. Gov. Trout, Mr. Trout, St. Michaelmas; F. Carey, Mr. Lemarchand, J. Carey, Canada; John Jackson, Toronto; Wm. Foster, Quebec, Canada; Capt. Alcock, France; J. P. Stacey, W. Stacey, Mr. Alexander, F. Gotzian, George Thompson, New-York; Miss Yorke, Montreal, Canada; Lord Elgin's servant, France; Capt. Chas. Bell, France; Andrew Bell, New-Bedford; Graham Henry, New-York; J. Lockey, Rhode Island; Alex Miller, Germany; Mrs. Miller, England; O. E. Muller, San Francisco; John Mitchell, Boston; Mr. Bulkley, Mr. Bul